



Enhancing the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and experiences, encouraging responsible leadership and service to the community."



Scholarship Recipients

Macon County HCE congratulates the following students who will be receiving our scholarships for 2017. These students have shown a strong work ethic and are dedicated to their educational goals.

Kyle Mason is a grandson of Merrill Dees of our Hickory Point Unit. Kyle is a dental student at Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine. He is one of the recipients of a \$1,000.00 Margaret Leonard Memorial Scholarship. Upon graduation, Kyle will join his family dental practice in Mt. Pulaski.

Erika Whalen is a granddaughter of Pam Walker of our Maple Grove Unit. Erika is a speech and language pathology major at Utah State University. She is the other recipient of a \$1,000.00 Margaret Leonard Memorial Scholarship. Erika plans to work as a speech pathologist in a therapy center or clinic.

Madison Yates is a granddaughter of Vivian Reynolds of our Mt. Zion Unit. Madison is a radiography major at Richland Community College. She received one of the three \$500.00 scholarships. Madison plans a career in radiography and eventually ultrasonography.

Sean Johnson is a grandson of Pat Bales of our Maple Grove Unit. Sean is a mechanical engineering major at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He received one of the three \$500.00 scholarships. Sean plans to work as an engineer in his major.

Tyranny Davis is a granddaughter of Sherryl Young of our Patchwork Unit. Tyranny is a molecular and

cellular biology major at Parkland Community College in Champaign. She received one of the three \$500.00 scholarships. She plans to eventually be a pediatrician.



"Ageless Aviation Dreams"

The state has selected military and first responders as the focus for community outreach this year. We have a very unique opportunity in Decatur to help with a group called "Ageless Aviation Dreams". This is a nonprofit group that travels around the country providing rides for veterans in a Stearman biplane from WW II. This is their 5th trip to Decatur. Our board voted to have our members assist with this project. I am so excited about this volunteer opportunity for our members. Residents from Primrose, Imboden, Evergreen and Eagle Ridge will be the passengers. We will assist with snacks and beverages while the families wait their loved ones turn. So here is where I need your help. The flights will occur on September 12 and 13 between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Come work a 2 hour shift (8:30-10:30, 10:30-12:30, 12:30 - 2:30 , or 2:30-4:30) either day or provide 2 dozen cookies or donuts, coffeecake, a gallon of tea, a case of small bottles of water, or a bag of ice. Please let Mary Ann Platt, 864-2716, cell 424-5835 (text) or email me at maryanniea@aol.com to let me know what you can do for this awesome group. Items can be delivered to Gaitros Aviation at the Decatur Airport (north of the tower) the day of the event or to the extension office on September 11 since the board will be there all day. Thank you in advance for your help.

Upcoming Events

September

Monday, September 4, 2017

Extension Office Closed

Monday, September 11, 2017

1:00 pm HCE Board Meeting

Extension Office - Clover Room

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

RSVP for International Day to Frances Kurr

Piatt County Extension Office 217-762-2791

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Set-up for International Day

1:00 pm

Illini & Clover Rooms

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

International Day Event

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Macon County Extension Office

Illini and Clover Rooms

Event Contact - Frances Kurr

Piatt County Extension 217-762-2191

Monday, September 25, 2017

RSVP for September Lesson

Monday, September 25, 2017

Pillowcase Sewing Day

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Extension Office - Clover Room

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Prairie Fire Glass Art Tour—Monticello, Illinois

Meet to carpool at 8:30 am at the Macon County Extension Office

Program begins at 9:30 am

Monday, October 2, 2017

Tri County Meeting

DeWitt County Extension Office

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

RSVP for All HCE Week Activities

Please be sure to RSVP to All HCE Week lunches!

Monday, October 9, 2017

"Oh, I Have Never Seen That!"

Illinois Raptor Center

9:30 am - 11:00 am

Extension Office - Clover Room

Monday, October 9, 2017

1:00 pm HCE Board Meeting

Extension Office - Clover Room

Newsletter items due to Linda Austin

lindaaustin48@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

HCE Week Lesson

Make A Mix - Pam Walker

9:30 am to 11:00 am

Extension Office - Clover Room

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Soup & Crusty Bread

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

\$5 per person

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

HCE Week Lesson - Christmas Crafting Project—Sharon Middleton

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Extension Office - Clover Room

Farmer's Markets and Your Gardens

Last month, we sent out an insert about Eat Local, Eat Healthy! Please remember to keep track of the Farmer's Markets that you go to, as well as pictures of you and your own garden produce. Our state president, Jane Chapman, would like this information submitted by March of 2018. Thanks for the help.

Pillowcase Sewing Day is Coming

Mark your calendar for Monday, September 25, from 9:30 to 3:30, for the next pillowcase sewing day! We need your help to cut, iron, and sew our wonderful pillowcases. You do not have to stay for the whole day, although you may want to! We have a great time working together for this important community outreach program!

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Doug Harlan was formerly Macon County Extension Director but now has DeWitt, Macon and Piatt Counties. He is in charge of all personnel for all three counties. He works with all three county boards to request funding. He is the chief programming director and the civil rights officer for the federal government.



Membership Directory

We have had many requests for a membership directory, so we will start taking pictures of all of you beautiful members! You can get your picture taken at International Day, HCE week, or the Fall Meeting! Be ready with your best smile! It would help our photographers if you would call the office at 877-6042 and let Diane know what program you will be there for. Thanks!!

A Wonderful Opportunity

On October 11, at ten o'clock, in the Extension Office, we will be making cards to send to service men and veterans, in honor of Veteran's Day. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to say "thank you" to the men and women who keep and have kept us free. We are so blessed to live in the USA! Call the office at 877-6042 to let us know that you are coming!

Dump Meals

On Saturday, July 29th, we were fortunate to have two members, Carol Ropp and Sandy Severe, present a program on "Dump Meals". Not only did they make several samples of delicious cakes for us to sample, but we had a great hand-out of recipes to try. We had a packed room for this program! This was a membership drive, and we had seven guests. Two of them joined our wonderful organization. Thank you, Carol and Sandy, for an interesting and delicious afternoon!

Co-President

Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp

We hope you have been enjoying your summer and are looking forward to the many exciting HCE events coming up this fall.

The MCHCE board members recently attended District Meeting and were given information about the upcoming year. The annual conference will be held at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham March 13-15, 2018. Mark your calendars now! The theme for next year will be "Celebration at the Crossroads". We will be decorating in red, white, and blue. As MCHCE will be celebrating its 100th anniversary, the state of Illinois will be celebrating 200 years in 2018.

We are in need of a few ladies to join the board in January with installation at the fall meeting on November 1. We will need a second vice (person in charge of membership), secretary, and International Director. Also, if you are willing, Linda Austin would like an assistant with the newsletter. PLEASE consider this your invitation to serve and don't be afraid to step up!

If you have questions about the requirements of any of these positions please ask. Being on the board is a fun experience. We meet at 1:00 the second Monday of each month.

Co-Vice President

Anna Belle Farrell and Linda Hooge

This has been a busy, very interesting, and educational summer. In June, we had a great turn-out for the Macon County Farm Tour. First, we went to the Maddox Sweet Corn Farm, the next stop was the B & B Beef Farm, and last was Connie's Greenhouse. The tour was very interesting and at each stop, we learned how they run their farm. We sure appreciate the time they spent explaining things to us. In July, we met some of the U of I Staff. Each person explained what their job is and gave us a better idea of all they do. We sure are fortunate to have the benefit of their knowledge and willingness to help us. Also, in July, Carol Ropp and Sandy Severe taught us how to make Dump Meals. We not only received several great recipes, but we got to sample three of the recipes. They were delicious cake recipes and everyone had a great time.

August will be an exciting month. August 16th, we tour the building at 825 North Water Street with Jerry Pelz and learn about the Northeast Community Fund which provides multiple services to thousands of families in our community. On August 29 – 31, we have the opportunity to make money for our Scholarship Fund by working at the Farm Progress Show. Please sign up to work a shift ASAP. We need help especially on Thursday. My husband and I had a great time helping at the last show in Decatur.

As summer is ending and fall begins, on September 20th, we will have our International Day Event at the Macon County Extension Office. September 25th, come for a day of making pillowcases. Bring your sewing machine if you would like to sew or come help cut-out pieces, iron pieces, or other jobs. All help is appreciated and we have a good time. Just a note, if you have fabric that can be used to make pillowcases, and would like to donate it, notify one of the board members. The September 28th lesson will be in Monticello, IL. The Prairie Fire Glass Art Studio will take us on a tour to see where glassblowing items are designed and created. After the lesson, you may go on your own for lunch or shopping.

October 9th is the lesson "Oh, I Have Never Seen That!" We will learn about the birds of prey. On October 10th, Pam Walker, will teach us "Make a Mix" where she will show us how to save money by making our own mixes at home from 9:30 – 11:00. Then, from 11:30 – 12:30, for \$5.00 per person, you can enjoy a Soup and Crusty Bread lunch. After lunch, Sharon Middleton, will have a Christmas Crafting Project from 1:00 – 2:30 PM. October 12, the HCE Week Lesson is "On Safari" Louise Wickline and Sally Dennis will be leading the lesson followed by a chicken salad lunch for \$5.00 per person. After a tasty lunch, Sally Dennis is going to teach "Button Art" from 1:00 – 2:30. A trip to the Central Illinois Food Bank in Springfield, IL is planned for October 13th. Meet at the Decatur Conference Center at 8:30 AM or at The Food Bank in Springfield at 9:30 AM. Lunch and a visit to the Lincoln Museum or other sites are on your own.

That's all for this article. Please invite your friends to join us for the fun we have in store. They can become a member now for \$7.50 if they wish. Don't forget to RSVP for them.

Second Vice President's Report

Sandy Severe

Hot Summer Days! August is here and we're on the downhill slide to fall. Where has the summer gone?

We held our Membership Drive/Dump Meal event on July 29th. Approximately 30 people attended, including 7 guests who also enjoyed the treats. Lots of great new meal ideas were presented. I'd like to welcome two new members that signed up on that day, Dara Johnson and Theresa Churchill Fulk. Theresa won the membership prize, and both she and Dara will be joining the Oakley unit. Please make them feel welcome. We now have 111 members. Please everyone, continue to work on increasing our membership. It's your organization—be loud and proud about it. We will be holding an event at the Forsyth Library on November 4th. It will be a craft event and we hope to encourage more people to join us. Have I peeked your curiosity? Hope so! Till next time, keep promoting HCE!

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Historian

I need help! If you have pictures that I could use for the scrapbook, please get them to me. Also, if you see articles in the newspaper, etc. about HCE, I would love to have those too. Thank you for your help!

International

Emily Chamberlain

The Philippines will be our destination for International Day 2017!

Wednesday, September 20th from 11:00 -2:00 pm in the Clover Room of the Macon County Extension Office Piatt, DeWitt and Macon counties will come together for our annual International Day event. Piatt will be hosting this year's event.

We need several more units to respond with their choices of food and display topics. Please check with Emily Chamberlain at echamber1963@yahoo.com [HYPERLINK "mailto:echamber1963@yahoo.com"](mailto:echamber1963@yahoo.com) or call (217) 433-4962 by August 30th so that we have an interesting variety of food and information to be presented. We also need time to prepare identifying display cards for your dishes. Please be generous with your recipes. We are expecting around 70 people for lunch. The Recipe Sampler handed out to a representative from your Unit has a wide variety of foods to sample. If you decide on other recipes, please have those available with your dishes.

Remember Pennies for Friendship which are instrumental in the work of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World). Through this organization, over 70 countries worldwide offer a variety of development programs and projects to help rural women raise the standard of living for their families and their communities.

Put this date on your calendar and plan on being with us for a fun and informative day. Please register for the luncheon by contacting the Macon County Extension Office at (217)877-6042 by Wednesday, September 13.

Cultural Enrichment

Sally Dennis

Happy summer everyone! Hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having. Hope you have been working on your cultural enrichment projects for the fall meeting on November 1. Surprisingly, it will be here quicker than you think. If you haven't settled on an

idea yet, you can get lots of ideas from Pinterest or there are several arts and craft displays at street festivals or fairs around the area. Also for the Fall Meeting, our potluck requests are for meat dishes to be a casserole and all the other dishes are to have pumpkin used in them. Don't forget to bring the recipes for your entries. Again, if you don't care to make a dish, a monetary donation will help defray the expense of table service.

HCE Week is coming October 9-13. On Thursday, October 12, we will be make a few small projects with buttons. If each of you could donate ¼ cup of 2 or 4 holed flat buttons, it will help eliminate some expense. Happy crafting!

Community Outreach

Mary Ann Platt

It's already August! Have you kept track of your volunteer hours? Everything counts except help you provide for your own family. Do you volunteer at church, a hospital, cook for funeral dinners, take care of a community garden, bake for HCE bake sales? Last year, 89% of our members turned in volunteer hours. I was thrilled! I think that all of our members volunteer, but some don't turn their hours in. Volunteer hours count for funding for the University of Illinois Extension office, so it is so important that we turn these hours in!

We continue to make pillowcases for the Ronald McDonald House, Kemmerer Village, Cunningham Children's Home, and we are adding Webster-Cantrell Hall at the suggestion of one of our members. We have so much fun during our sewing days. Members and friends of members cut, coordinate fabrics, sew, iron, and most importantly, laugh! Consider joining us at our next sewing day on Monday, September 23, from 9:30 to 3:30 at the Extension Office.

Keep saving those cards. We once again have an outlet for card fronts. The Evergreen Senior Center wants them.



Don't Forget!

Registration for International Day is due by September 12 to the Extension Office at 217-877-6042. If you have not let Emily know what your unit will be making, do so right away! They need time to get the display cards ready for your dishes. We are looking forward to having a great event with Piatt and DeWitt counties.

MACON COUNTY UNIT NEWS

Hickory Point Unit

We met at the Raspberry Tea Room for lunch on August 8. We did not meet in July. We had an informal meeting and discussed the special lessons we might want to attend in the future. We enjoyed our visiting time. Our next meeting will be at the home of Louise Wickline on September 12 at 1:30. Our program will be presented by Sue Goodpaster who recently traveled to Tahiti and Bora Bora. We are looking forward to hearing about these exotic locations.

Louise Wickline, reporting

Pleasant Grove Unit

We met on July 11th at Cozs with 9 members present. Mary Shelton was the hostess. The officer reports were given. Else Farnham gave out recipes for International Day on September 20. Mary Ann reported on the number of pillowcases that were donated and the pop tabs she took to the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. Anna Belle read us a list of lessons to be voted on at the Fall Meeting. Rock Springs concerts are July 16, August 6 and the 13th. The Farm Progress Show is August 29-31. County Board officers are needed for 2018. They are 2nd Vice President, Secretary and International.

Our unit met on August 1st with 9 members present. Tot Schuman was the hostess. The officer reports were given. Else Farnham showed us the poster she made for International Day. Sally Dennis reported on the NVON Conference in North Carolina. Anna Belle gave us the upcoming events and lessons. Those who attended reported on the Dump Meals lesson. Sally reported on the Rock Springs concerts. Donations for refreshments are needed. Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.

Our next meeting will be September 5 at Cozs. After lunch, we plan to visit the Dove's Children Clothing Room at Prairie Avenue Christian Church to see what that is all about. It is good to know that there is a place in Decatur where mothers, grandmothers and anyone can get free used clothing that is in good shape.

Alice Bray, reporting

Maple Grove Unit

Our unit took a road trip for our July meeting. Thirteen of us enjoyed the atmosphere and good food at Arlington's in Springfield. Our hostess was Vi Lanum. Get well cards were passed around for members to sign for two of our members, Emily Chamberlain and Bev Carmean. We hope our cards will brighten their day and speed their recovery along. We dispensed with the treasurer's and secretary report. It was decided that our unit would concentrate on the government of the Philippines as our contribution to International Day, on September 20th. Kris Batchelder volunteered to be in charge of that project. It was discussed that we need to choose an item

of food for that day also, but nothing was decided.

That was the end of our informal meeting. Our August 24th meeting will be at Whit's End at 11:30.

Our group then made their way to the Dana Thomas House for a guided tour. The tour was very enjoyable and informative.

Mt Zion Unit

Eight members gathered at the home of President Carol Flitz at 11:00 a.m. on June 28, 2017, each bringing a component for a master salad luncheon. When all the ingredients were put together, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch together. Of course, Carol tickled our sweet tooth with a few extra goodies on the table too. Vicky Wooten joined us for the remainder of the meeting.

Roll call today was, "What Do You Do for Exercise?" Our unit is quite diverse; some of us exercise regularly, some of us a little, and some of us not much. A memorial gift was sent to the family of former member, Connie Nicky, with our deepest sympathy. During the report from the Macon County HCE Board Meeting, we learned that we will celebrate 100 years of HCE in 2018 with the theme, "A Century of Learning and Serving." Wow! A whole century! Carol Flitz reported that Mt. Zion Unit will serve soda, water, and goodies at five Sunday evening concerts to be held at the Rock Springs Conservation location. Several members volunteered to make goodies and help serve at these events.

For our lesson today, Carol introduced Nancy (Sorry, I forgot her last name.) who taught us how to make roses from craft paper. Nancy patiently worked with each of us, and we all went home with a gorgeous rose ready to put in a bud vase. Nancy makes beautiful bouquets of paper roses for gifts and decorations. I wish you all could have seen them.

Final plans for our summer outing day on July 26, 2017 were made before we headed home with our lovely rose in our hand.

Von Gregory, reporting

Oakley Unit

Five members met at Cheryl's "cabin by the lake" in July. Patty gave the lesson "Vacation/Staycation" and Cheryl gave the lesson on "Indestructible Houseplants". We looked at the recipes for International Day and chose the recipe that we will be preparing. Some of our members will be volunteering at the Farm Progress Show. The next meeting in August will be at a restaurant, to be determined at a later date.

Sandy Severe, reporting

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Host Families Needed

March 5—March 29, 2018

2—4 day stay

Your Guest: Sara Kenny

International Homemaker Exchange participant from Australia

Submit Host Application by October 1, 2017
(page 41—IAHCE Guidebook)

Questions? Contact Pat Weitzmann
849-308-6256

Dates to Remember

Send these to Pat Weitzmann, IAGCE International
Director:

- 1) Applications for International Exchange Host Home due October 1, 2017
- 2) Recommendations for Donation to Non-Profit organizations in Illinois due December 31, 2017. This must come from an IAHCE member county organization.
- 3) Leftover recipes for Mini-Cookbook (one recipe per county)
- 4) By November 20, 2017 send Pennies for Friendship monies to IAHCE Treasurer Bev Combs

Pen Friend

Enjoy meeting new people? Wonder what life is like in other places? Want to share your world with others? Ready for a new friend?

Become a Pen Friend - Applications on page 35A of IAHCE Guidebook - A list of countries is available.

Questions? Contact Pat Weitzmann ACWW Friendship Links Coordinator - USA
pweitzmann5@gmail.com Phone: 847-308-6256



WASTE NOT WANT NOT!

Share your favorite "Leftovers" Recipe

For publication March 2018 Mini-Cookbook Supports

- Zero Hunger's 'No Food Waste'
- Complements NVON's 'Eat Local, Eat Healthy'

Only one recipe per county, send by December 31, 2017 to Pat Weitzmann, IAHCE International Director

Just a Friendly Reminder!

Nobody's perfect and that includes your county board members. Each year, we work VERY hard to write and proofread our program books. Sometimes, there are mistakes, but we correct them as soon as they are discovered.

Sometimes the wrong information gets published in our newspapers or other publications. When you are in doubt, please, PLEASE look in your program book because that is the accurate information. If for some unforeseen reason, there are any changes to a scheduled event in the book, you will see it in the newsletter or a special mailing!

WE Need Your Help!!

If you have not sent your roster of officers for this year to Sandy Severe, please do so right away. She has reports that need to be filled out and sent in. Thank you for your help!

A BIG THANK YOU!

We want to thank Carol Flitz for organizing the bake sales for the Rock Spring concerts this summer. When the center asked where the popcorn was, she organized helpers to provide goodies and drinks for the concerts. This helped to make up a little for our loss of revenue from the municipal bank concerts in Central Park.

We cleared about \$400. Thank you Carol and all of the volunteers who helped and donated to this success! Next year we will be prepared for these concerts and have units signed up to cover each one.

Attention!

We learned at the District Meeting that the state board would like a new name for Pennies for Friendship that we collect. This collection is instrumental in the work of Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). They help develop programs and projects to over 70 countries to encourage rural women to raise the standard of living for their families and communities. Get on your "creative" thinking caps and come up with a new name for Pennies for Friendship! Submit your ideas to Carol or Karen.

JUNE MINUTES

Macon County HCE Board Meeting June 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Co-president Carol Ropp at 1:05pm. Karen Cahill was absent. Carol led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Homemakers' Aim. We enjoyed her opening joke. There were 7 units represented and 10 members present.

The secretary's report was approved as corrected with Sandy Severe moving and Anna Belle Farrell seconding.

Treasurer Sharon Middleton was absent but her report was presented by Carol Ropp. It was filed for audit. No bills were presented.

Carol Ropp had received a note from the 4-H thanking us for a donation.

Officers' Reports:

Co-presidents: Carol Ropp explained a payment of \$307 to the Secretary of State to bring our organization up to date in registering as a non-profit organization.

Co-vice president: Linda Hooge was absent and Lynn Stevens attended in her place. Anna Belle Farrell reminded us of the farm tour on June 21. A program planning meeting will be on July 10 at 9:30 am. Lunch will be ordered.

2nd Vice President: Sandy Severe will present Dump Meals as the program on July 29 as a membership drive.

Community and Family Issues and Volunteer Hours: Chairman Mary Ann Platt was absent.

Cultural Enrichment: Sally Dennis continues to encourage members to complete their craft projects and be looking for pumpkin menus for the fall meeting.

Historian: Karen Halicki is continuing to put old photos on computer programs.

International: Chairman Emily Chamberlain said that one unit had chosen agriculture as its topic for International Day on September 20.

Public Relations Chairman: Linda Austin said the newsletter deadline had been extended one week.

Unfinished/Old Business: Pillowcase sewing day is June 26, and a salad luncheon is planned.

New Business: A fabric cutting day will be on Wednesday at 9 am before the pillowcase sewing day. A flag retirement ceremony will be held on June 14, 7 pm, at the Mt. Zion Pony Express grounds. Members were asked to sign up to work at the Farm Progress Show on August 29 -31. District meeting will be on August 9 in Springfield, and a sign-up sheet was passed. Sally Dennis moved and Sandy Severe seconded that our group sell popcorn, treats, and drinks at the Rock Springs concert on June 25 at 7 pm.

Motion passed. Plans are being made for the Centennial celebration of HCE on September 8, 2018. The theme is A Century of Learning and Serving. Special speakers will be asked to attend, and former leaders will be acknowledged. Scholarship deadline is July 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Wickline

JULY MINUTES

Macon County HCE Board Meeting July 10, 2017

Co-presidents Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm followed by Carol's joke. The Pledge of Allegiance and Homemakers' Aim were given. There were 6 units represented and 10 members present.

The secretary's report was read. Anna Belle Farrell moved and Linda Hooge seconded that it be accepted. Motion passed.

Sharon Middleton gave the treasurer's report which was filed for audit.

Carol Ropp shared a thank you letter from Cunningham Children's Home.

Officers' Reports:

Co-Presidents: Carol Ropp and Karen Cahill reported that Cassandra Cook from Dalton City was a recipient of an Illinois HCE grant to study in Costa Rica. She will be returning later this month and may be asked to speak to our group later.

Co-1st Vice Presidents: Anna Belle Farrell and Linda Hooge reminded us of future programs in July.

2nd Vice President: Sandy Severe urged members to ask friends to attend the July 29th meeting on Dump Meals. The membership fee is now just ½ the regular price, and a membership may be given away at this meeting. We now have 109 members.

Community and Family Issues and CVH: chairman Mary Ann Platt reported that 75 pillowcases and 29 pounds of pop tabs had been delivered to Ronald McDonald House. Card tops may be given to Evergreen Residential Home.

Cultural Enrichment: Sally Dennis was absent.

Historian: Karen Halicki was absent.

International: Emily Chamberlain was absent.

Public Relations: Linda Austin has given information to both newspapers.

Unfinished/Old Business: The farm tour was very successful, and a similar trip will be planned for next year. The pillowcase sewing day with 4-H went well. An age requirement of at least 10 years was suggested. A cutting day will be held on September 11 at 9 am. The baked goods/popcorn sales at Rock Springs have been successful. Carol Flitz and her group have taken charge of these sales. Future dates are July 16, August 6, and August 13. Donations should be taken to Rock Springs by 6 pm on those dates.

New Business: Volunteers were signed up for Farm Progress Show. District meeting will be August 9. We will meet at the Decatur Conference Center at 8:15 am for sharing rides. Centennial plans will be discussed later. The Northeast Community Fund trip is on August 16. Volunteers are needed as judges for 4-H projects on July 19 at noon. Linda Hooge moved and Sandy Severe seconded that we donate \$50 to IAHCE for prizes. Motion passed. These officers will be needed for the next term: 2nd vice president, secretary, International chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.
Respectfully submitted,



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