

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

OES Collection for Our Soldiers

Letters from school-aged children Hot sauce in plastic bottles

Hand warmers

Puzzle, Game books, playing cards

Protein bars/Granola bars

Nutritional snacks

Slim Jims & Beef Jerky (they really like these)

Non-perishable snacks with crackers (peanut butter or cheese)

Non-perishable chicken salad and tuna/spreadable snacks with crackers (NO pork items)

Individually wrapped snacks/hard candy/gum

Greeting cards

Individual powered drink mix (such as crystal light)

Hanging deodorizers (for a car)

Solid deodorant

Chapsticks

Shampoo/body wash (no large sizes)

Personal care items (hotel size)

Women's personal hygiene items

Eye drops

Lightweight dark socks (cushioned soles are great)

Q-tips (travel size)

Wet wipes

Toothbrush/toothpaste

Ballpoint pens/paper (5 x 7)

Monetary donations (current postage, \$17.40 per box)

Individual packets of instant coffee

Razors

We no longer send magazines or hand or bath soap.

Return items to GUMC by Thursday, November 8. Collecting items between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday thru Thursday

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Irwin with any questions, at a.Irwin@att.net or (217) 428-5936

Congratulations!

We are so proud of several of our members who have been highlighted in recent publications around the area. Alice received the 2018 Governor's Volunteer Service Award at the State Capitol on Wednesday, April 18. Von completed the Matter of Balance course at the Moweaqua library. Earlene Riley, Pat Malloy and Sharon Kelley were also pictured in the newspaper for a Mother's Day lunch in the Johns Hill Center.



Alice Bray



Von Gregory

Bread Monk tickets are

now available! Father Dom will be here on Saturday, August

11, at 1:00 for a program

entitled "100 Years of Baking". The program will be held in the Illini Room at the Macon County Extension Office. Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased at the Extension office.

Upcoming Events

July

Monday, July 2, 2018

Scholarship Deadline

Must be delivered to the Extension Office by 4 pm

Monday, July 2, 2108

Annual Program Planning 9 to 11 am Extension Office - Clover Room

Monday, July 9, 2018

1:00 pm HCE Board Meeting Extension Office - Clover Room

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

RSVP for July Lesson

Saturday, July 14, 2018

Cooking for One or Two Membership Drive 1 to 2:30 pm Extension Office - Clover Room

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Trolley Tour of Downtown Decatur & Oglesby Mansion Tour 421 W. William St.
Meeting place and times TBA

August

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

IAHCE District Meeting

Monday, August 13, 2018

1 pm HCE Board Meeting Extension Office - Clover Room Newsletter information due to Linda Austin lindaaustin48@gmail.com

Thursday, August 16, 2018

RSVP for August Lesson

Monday, August 20, 2018

RSVP for HCE's Centennial Celebration at Decatur Club Come and help us celebrate Macon County HCE 100th Birthday!

Thursday, August 23, 2018

Small Kitchen Appliances 1 to 2:30 pm Macon County Extension Office - Clover Room

<u>September</u>

Extension Office Closed

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Macon County HCE 100 Years Celebration Decatur Club, 158 W Prairie Registration 9 am - Celebration begins 9:30 am

Monday, September 10, 2018

1:00 pm HCE Board meeting Extension Office - Clover Room

ADVICE FROM A FIRECRACKER

Leave a little SPARKLE whenever you go Shoot for the STARS Don't let your LIGHT fade Be BRILLIANT Have a BLAST

Go out with a BANG!
Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

MONDAY, JUNE 25, SEWING DAY

Come join us *any time* from 9:30 – 3:30. We will be working with 4-H students teaching them to sew. We need people to help teach, iron fabric, match fabric, stuff chemo port pillows, sew, etc. Bring a favorite salad for a pot-luck lunch if you want to stay.



Please contact the office so we know how many people to plan for as we set up. This would be a great time to BRING A FRIEND!

When we have our future sewing days, we are going to be working on a new project along with our pillowcases. We will be making chemo port pillows to donate to the Cancer Center. These little pillows help hold a car seatbelt away from a person's port to help make a car ride more comfortable. We have a request—if you have any fiber fill or sew on Velcro that you no longer need; PLEASE consider donating them to this project. Our next sewing day is June 25.

We have found a new home for some of our adult pillowcases. We recently donated 50 of them to the Decatur Correctional Center for Women. They will be used as a gift when the ladies are released to start their "new life" at home.

Historian Update

I am looking for information about your units. Please try to write some information about when your unit started and how it started. I have found that some units were started from ladies in other units. What a wonderful way to grow! I have found listings for 34 units during the 100 years of HCE. I have also found history from Maple Grove that they started in 1948. So, if you can put something together as soon as possible, that would be great. I am working on taking pictures of the scrapbooks and putting them on my computer to put on a stick and flash cards. It is looking great! Keep taking pictures!!!! Thanks Karen Halicki

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Co-President

Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp

Happy Summer! It's hard to believe the year is almost half over already.

The spring meeting was a lot of fun and we want to thank you for your wonderful support of our craft sale. We appreciated the beautiful items that were graciously made and donated, as well as the enthusiasm you had for purchasing those items. Many thanks also to our wonderful cashiers! We now have funds available to complete our planning of the 100 year celebration. We have been busy with great lessons and activities this year with many more to come. Remember to either get your ideas for future lessons to any board member by the beginning of July or bring them with you to our program planning meeting at 9:00 on July 9. If you do submit a suggestion, you need to have the name or information about whom to contact. We can then add your choices to the list of possible lessons for 2019.

Hope you have a great summer with family and friends. Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Vice President

Linda Hooge

I hope everyone is having a great spring. It finally got here! We have many interesting lessons and activities to look forward to. During the month of June, on Sundays at 7 p.m., the Rock Springs area has a free concert for you to enjoy. Bring your lawn chair and listen to bluegrass, folk, or old-time country music. Be sure to visit our refreshment table. MCHE will be selling cold drinks, popcorn, cookies and brownies for one dollar an item as part of our fundraising activities this year. A unit will be taking care of this each time that there is a concert.

On Monday, June 25, from 9:30 to 3:30, come have fun with us as we make our pillowcases. You don't have to sew—you can iron fabric or fold finished pillowcases. We break for lunch, and have a good time laughing and visiting with each other. This time, we are asking that each person bring a salad to share. It can be chicken salad, fruit salad, ham salad, or anything else you would like to share in the salad category. We have a great time!!!

July 2nd in the deadline date to turn in the scholarship applications. They must be delivered to the Extension Office by 4 p.m., and there are **NO** exceptions.

On Monday, July 9th, from 9 to 11, come join us in the Clover Room for our annual planning meeting. Bring all of your ideas as we plan the lessons and activities for 2019. Think about the lessons that you would be interested in. If you know someone who could teach a lesson, please ask that person if they would like to do that. Do you have any ideas of trips that we could take? Please come to the meeting and share those ideas with us.

Do you have a problem cooking too much food? Be at the Extension Office on Saturday, July 14, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. as some of our wonderful members will be presenting "Cooking for One or Two"! This is a membership drive so be sure to ask your family and friends to attend with you. You already know that our cooking lessons are always educational and fun to be at!

On August 11, at 1:00 p.m., the Bread Monk, Fr. Dominic Garramone, will be at the Illini Room at the Extension Office, to present "100 Years of Baking". He is a lot of fun and very interesting to listen to. Buy your tickets from our members or from Diane at the Extension Office. Tickets are \$15 each.

Be sure to RSVP by August 20th for our 100th year celebration at the Decatur Club. The celebration will be Saturday, September 8. There will be a catered lunch, entertainment, and our main speaker, Paul Osborne. We know that you will all want to be a part of this.

Our Thursday, August 23rd lesson, will be about some new small appliances that are available and how to best use them in your home. We will meet at the Extension Office from 1 to 2:30.

Please remember to RSVP for the lessons and the trips. Call if you need to cancel so that our presenters have an accurate count to prepare for.

Second Vice President's Report

Bonnie Lanham

This is a friendly reminder of the Membership Drive on July 14th at the Extension Office in the Clover Room from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The lesson is "Cooking for One or Two". Keep looking for new members at church, senior centers, and other places. We currently have 99 members. I have ordered pins for you ladies that I missed at the Spring Meeting. **Please**, if you have any ideas for membership drives, let me know. Keep cool in this heat!!!

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Cultural Enrichment

Sally Dennis

I hope everyone who attended the Spring Meeting enjoyed it. Our new try at raising money for our 100th Year Anniversary Celebration was a craft sale at the Spring Meeting. It was a big success! Since it went over so well, we will try it again at the Fall Meeting. So, keep those great craft ideas coming. Don't forget to make something for the Cultural Enrichment entries, which will be judged to go to next year's conference. Try making something in the less competitive categories. Also, don't forget our "theme" potluck for the Fall Meeting is cherries. The dish you make must have cherries in it, and the recipe should accompany it. Meat dishes are not required to have cherries in them. The Bread Monk program will be at the Extension Office on August 11, so don't forget to get your tickets for that great program. I hope that everyone will attend our 100th Anniversary Celebration at the Decatur Club on September 8th. There is a lot going on this year so be sure to check your HCE handbook for all of the upcoming events.

Community Outreach/Family Issues

Mary Ann Platt

"The main focus this year for Family and Community Issues is flag etiquette and demonstration of our support to First Responders, Military, and Law Enforcement." This quote is from Norma Korte, our state Family and Community Issues leader. This article contains some ideas for Macon County to achieve these goals.

<u>Flag Etiquette</u>—We collect flags and attend the Flag Day Retirement Ceremony in Mt. Zion.

Military Support—Ann Irvin from Operation Enduring Support was our quest speaker for our Spring Meeting. We collected \$167.50 for the organization. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a copy of the supplies collected to mail to the active military. Items may be brought to any meetings. I will deliver them to GUMC. We have collected card fronts in the past. I have sorted these. Many new sets of cards were in these collections. These will be donated to OES.

<u>First Responders</u>—I will be contacting unit presidents about providing treats for one of the volunteer fire departments in Macon County.

Law Enforcement—I am open to suggestions from you.

Spring Meeting - As a result of donations of craft items from members, we made over \$900. This was incredible. Thank you! Our 50/50 drawing raised \$164. Our charity was the Northeast Community Food

Bank. Barb Reed won the \$82. She donated her share to the food bank. Thank you, Barb!

On February 19th, we made 85 pillowcases. Amazing!!! I delivered 92 pillowcases and 17 pounds of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield on June 8th. We had a cutting day on June 6.

<u>International</u>

Donna Washburn

NEW CHANGES! READ CAREFULLY! Dewitt County is the host this year for International Day, which will be held, September 19 from 11a.m. to 2p.m. at the Macon County Extension Office. They have been working very hard on creating a new format which includes specific recipes and story board assignments for each county. We were assigned 5 specific recipes which have been taste tested and adjusted by the Dewitt ladies. The recipes are: Cheese Quiche (with and without veggies), Damper Bread, Chicken and Spinach Balls, Caramel Slices, and Lemon Curd Bars. Some of these will need more than one recipe made. We also were assigned three specific story boards to be about three specific areas of Australia (Western, Northern and Southern Australia). The accompanying oral presentation is to last 6 to 8 minutes and include territory name, capital, population, government, geography, economy and other interesting facts such as places, cities, colleges, plants, people and etc. Tangible visual aids are welcomed. These presentations will be our program instead of a speaker. I have copies of the recipes we are to use and the forms to help with the presentations. Please discuss these choices with your units and have a second choice in case the recipe/story board has already been chosen. I will call each unit's contact person in the next few weeks to go over the changes again, and hopefully answer any questions. You can always call my cell phone, but please leave a message so I know to answer.

Hickory Point Unit

We met on May 8th at Lady of Lourdes Church. Our speaker was J.C. Fultz, chief meteorologist at WAND. His talk gave us a better insight into weather predicting. He is very dedicated to correctly predicting storms and has received much training in his field. We always enjoy our time together as we visit and learn about our county activities.

Louise Wickline, reporting

MACON COUNTY UNIT NEWS

Rock Springs Unit

March: We had 8 members present. We brought toiletries for Dove and Nancy Norton will deliver them. We discussed the upcoming Spring Meeting, the Bread Monk and the Quilt Show in Arthur on ug.29th. We also talked about visiting Novel Ideas. The April meeting will be at Linda Hooge's home, 333 Dawson Rd.

April: We had 6 members at this meeting. We all paid Linda for the Spring Meeting luncheon, and she will give it to Sharon Middleton. We reviewed the upcoming activities, the 100th Celebration, the Bread Monk, and the style show at the Senior Center on April 25. The 50/50 drawing at the Spring Meeting will go to the Northeast Community Fund. Our next meeting will be at Lynn Stevens home and she will show us pictures and tell us about her trip to Hawaii.

Lois Miller, reporting

Maple Grove Unit

April: We had no formal meeting the month of April. Twelve members were at the Decatur Club on April 26. Both the secretary and treasurer were absent. The women enjoyed each other's company with a "chat-fest".

We do have a scheduled meeting at 11:30 on May 24, place to be determined. Members will be notified by e-mail. More news to follow.

May: Our group met on May 24. Our meeting was held at Tuscany Restaurant. I'm sorry to say the secretary was not able to attend again. I know that our activity, that day, was to write thank you notes to veterans for their service to our country. We have some spouses who will be taking the "Honor Flight" soon, and as part of that day, thank you notes are passed out at the end of the trip. The notes were given to our member, Gini Smith, who is very active in the Honor Flight Program. Future activities were discussed, such as the Flag Day Ceremony, and the Annual Farm Tour.

Our next meeting will be at the Raspberry Room in Elwin, Illinois on June 28 at 10:30. Please note the time change, this is to avoid the noon rush at this restaurant.

Mary Kay Ennis, reporting

Oakley Unit

We met on June 7th at Cheryl Yoder's home. We discussed the upcoming events, went over the menu

choices and chose our selection for International Day. Cheryl gave the lesson on "Libraries". Our unit learned about the many options the library has such as DVD's, magazines, computer times and programs that they sponsor. We will meet on July 5th at Shirley Krall's home.

Cheryl Yoder, reporting

Mt. Zion Unit

April: The April 25th meeting was held at the Rock Spring Conservation Center at noon. Carol Flitz served as hostess, providing drinks and desserts to go along with the sack lunch that each of us brought. The lovely conference room had large windows that allowed us to see into the woods behind the building. We had our business meeting and primarily focused on the information from the HCE County Board meeting. Jenny Garver, the volunteer coordinator for the Center, gave an interesting and informative talk. Currently, she oversees approximately 410 volunteers. It takes 72 volunteers to put on the Festival of Spring each year. The information desk and the library are the main spaces where the volunteers work. She would welcome any new volunteers.

May: For our May meeting, all of our unit members will attend the lesson "Women Behind the Walls". Following the lesson, we will hold a short business meeting and then go to a restaurant for lunch together.

On May 23, several members of our unit attended the "Women Behind the Walls" lesson. The assistant warden, accompanied by Beth, and the new warden of the prison gave an enlightening lesson on the lives of the women who are there. Hopefully, the programming that they offer will help many to make total life changes and eventually become good, productive citizens when they are released. We had a short business meeting as we waited for our delicious meals at IHOP.

Our June meeting will be our "Build a Salad" meeting. Everyone will bring something to contribute to our luncheon. It will be at noon on Wednesday, June 27, at the spacious home of Carol Flitz. Our program will be a discussion of the "Women Behind the Walls lesson and a demonstration by Carol of her embroidery machine and her brand new serger. Carol makes such beautiful things, so I am sure, we will all leave wishing we had her skills. Visitors are always welcome. Come join us!

Von Gregory, reporting

MACON COUNTY "HOME BUREAU" FACTS AND MEMORIES

The facts and memories that I am using for the newsletter were taken from a large binder that has been completed and contains "priceless" and "precious" memories of the start of the "Home Bureau" in Macon County in 1918. I hope you enjoy these articles as much as I have enjoyed delving through our history.

The roles of the county board in 1918 were the president, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, outgoing president, treasurer, secretary, foods, health and sanitation, household management, and clothing. In 1920, the record shows that there were many separate units. They were: Sharon, Harristown, Forsyth, Batchelder, Maroa, Long Creek, Casner, Macon, Argenta, Mt. Zion, Niantic, Warrensburg, Blue Mound, Long Creek Girl's Club, Staley's, Oreana, and West Side Decatur.

An excerpt from Miss Eugenia Allin's 1920 secretary's report states that "The Macon County Home Bureau has just completed its second year and like such in the life of most infants, it has had its trials and tribulations but in general it has proved a most satisfactory year replete with accomplishments which show a steady growth and a firm foundation. The numbers the first year was something over 700, since we were instructed to count all pledges signed. Since that time, all who had failed to honor these pledges by payment of dues have been weeded out so that the present membership of 631 represents only names in good standing whose dues are paid to date."

I will share more of these interesting facts and memories in upcoming newsletters.

Linda

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1918, when our "Home Bureau" or Macon County Association for Home and Community Education, as we are now called, the President was Woodrow Wilson, a democrat from New Jersey. The Vice President was Thomas R. Marshall, a democrat from Indiana.

DID YOU KNOW?

The United States flag had only 48 stars on it. In 1918, the Congress was in its 65th session.

DID YOU KNOW?

On January 8, 1918, President Wilson delivered his Fourteen Points Speech to Congress. This was a statement for peace that was to be used for peace negotiations in order to end World War I.

DID YOU KNOW?

The U.S. Congress established the time zones and approved daylight savings time which went into effect on March 31, 1918.

MACON COUNTY HCE BOARD MINUTES

Macon County HCE Board Meeting May 14, 2018

The meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Interim President Bonnie Lanham. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Homemaker's Aim was led by Bonnie.

Present: Bonnie Lanham, Sharon Middleton, Pam Walker, Sandy Severe, Linda Hooge, Linda Austin, Sally Dennis, MaryAnn Platt, Anna Belle Farrell, Vicki Wooten and Barbara Abbott. Those absent were Carol Ropp, Karen Cahill, Karen Halicki and Donna Washburn. Eleven members present, and six units represented. Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve as corrected was made by Linda Hooge and seconded by Linda Austin.

Treasurer: Sharon Middleton gave the report and filed for audit.

First Vice: Linda Hooge refreshed our memories on upcoming lessons:

Women Behind the Walls, Wednesday, May 23, 2018; 9:30 – 11:30 am

<u>Tri County Meeting</u>, Monday, June 4, 2018
<u>Fabric Cutting Day</u>, Wednesday, June 6, 2018
<u>Board Meeting</u>, Monday, June 11, 2018
Flag Retirement event at Mt. Zion Lions Park, Thursday, June 14, 2018

<u>Farm Tour</u> to Alpaca Farm in Monticello area, Wednesday, June 20, 2018

<u>Pillowcase sewing day</u>, Monday, June 25, 2018 <u>Annual Program Planning</u>, Monday, July 9, 2018, 9:00 am – 11:am, followed by Board Meeting 1:00 pm <u>Cooking for One or Two</u>, Saturday, July 14, 2018, 1 pm – 2:30 pm

<u>Trolley Tour & Oglesby Mansion Tour</u>, Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Second Vice: Roll call sheets were passed out for each unit. Membership pins were given to the appropriate units for new members Barbara Brandt and Chris Robinson. Bonnie will order pins needed for specified membership anniversary years.

Community/Family Issues: Mary Ann stated there is a change in the Newsletter for an error in reporting the volunteer hours. 100% participation was reported and is not correct. She recognized Alice Bray for receiving the Governor's Award for volunteer hours. If you are saving cards, please keep card fronts separate from the new cards you are donating.

Cultural Enrichment: Sally reminded all members to continue coming up with ideas for your projects for conference. Our Fall Meeting theme will be cherries.

Historian: Karen, absent **International:** Donna absent

Public Relations: Linda Austin, June11th news articles are due for the next newsletter. Herald and Review supposedly will have our picture from conference in the paper soon. Those members who get the paper watch for it and clip it out when you see it.

Beth Allhands – absent

Unfinished Business: Discussion on aprons; decided we would get 15 made, red apron with beige logo. But decided we would table the final decision until the June 14th Centennial meeting. Two shirts have not been sold, if you know of someone needing one, please let Linda Hooge know.

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Hooge and seconded by Sally Dennis. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

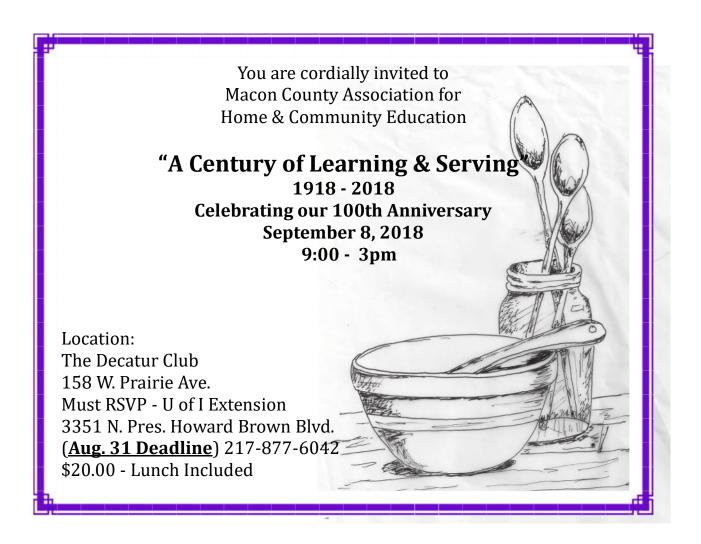
Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Severe and Pam Walker Co-Secretaries

Pleasant Grove Unit

Nine members of our unit met on June 5th. Anna Belle and Sally were the hostesses. Mary Ann opened the meeting with the pledge and the Homemaker's Aim. Officer and Tri-County reports were given. We voted that Sally would be our treasurer due to the illness of our present treasurer. Anna Belle reported on the upcoming meets and lessons. We will have the refreshments for sale at the July 8th Rock Springs concert. These proceeds will go on our county scholarship fund. Our unit will report on the Northern Territory of Australia for International Day. Mary Ann reported that the craft sale at the Spring Meeting exceeded \$900.00. She and Sally also have tickets for the Bread Monk of August 11. The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Alice Bray, reporting

Please RSVP to all Events



Macon County Association for Home & Community Education "A Century of Learning & Serving" Celebrating our 100th Anniversary

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