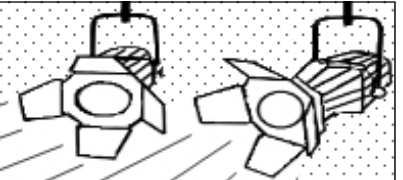


Macon County

July - August 2022

HCE HIGHLIGHTS



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

Moonshine and Casey, Illinois Trip

Karen Halicki

Well, we started with 21 HCE members going and as life has it.....things changed. Thank you to the 11 members that made it for the trip.

We had a wonderful adventure working our way over to Moonshine, Illinois. It's just a two person town in the country. I had handed out a menu when we left Decatur so they could decide what they wanted. I had a great tasting hamburger! We sat out on picnic tables and enjoyed the sun and breeze. Many more people showed up as we were leaving and headed to Casey, Illinois.

Our members had a map of the town and a list of everything to look for. It was like a scavenger hunt trip! If someone didn't know where an item was, another person would help them find it. Most of the items were downtown, so we had a nice walk in the sun. Someone found the ice cream shop next to the big mailbox so we just had to sample their ice cream!! It was so nice to have great weather for this trip! We saw a few more of their "BIG" attractions as we drove out of town.

Next, we went to Greenup, Illinois, to Cameo Vineyards to taste some wine and buy some to take home. They have a beautiful view from the porch overlooking their vineyard. It was good to have friends who had been to the vineyards before. Those back roads are interesting!!! All in all, it was a good day to be together.



Certified Volunteer Hours

Karen Cahill

It's hard to believe that this year is about half over already. This is a friendly reminder that if you haven't written down any of your volunteer hours yet, it would be a good time to get caught up. Trying to remember all that you've done at the end of the year is too hard. You might even surprise yourself by how many hours you already have for this year. We are hoping for 100% participation this year. If you have ANY questions about your volunteer hours, please contact me.

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Save the Date!

Come and enjoy a craft day with us! Make one craft or make them all!

Saturday, August 27

**University of Illinois Extension Office
3351 N. President Howard Brown Blvd, Decatur, IL**

Cost is \$10 / includes lunch

Lunch will consist of a salad bar with dessert

Reservations and fees must be made by August 19 to Sally Dennis at 217-433-0603, 7562 Bonnie Road, Dalton City, IL 61925. Make checks payable to MCHCE.

This is a membership drive so feel free to invite all your friends, family and neighbors!

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 1

Deadline for Scholarships

Monday, July 4

Extension Office Closed
Happy Independence Day!

Monday, July 11

HCE Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Extension Office
Clover Room

Monday, July 11

Program Planning
1:00 p.m.
Extension Office
Clover Room

Friday, July 15

RSVP for July Lesson

Wednesday, July 20

Food and Drug Interactions
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Extension Office
Clover Room

Saturday, August 6

Ice Cream Social
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Rock Springs Pavilion

Monday, August 8

HCE Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Extension Office
Clover Room

Newsletter items due to Linda
Austin @
lindaaustin48@gmail.com

Wednesday, August 10

IAHCE District Meeting

Friday, August 12

RSVP for August Lesson

Wednesday, August 17

Five Flavors
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Extension Office
Clover Room

Friday, August 19

RSVP for August Craft Day

Saturday, August 27

Craft Day/Membership Drive
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lunch
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Extension Office
Clover Room
Scholarship Postmarked



Laughter is Good for the Soul

I like to think that I am aging gracefully but, at times, I really wonder about that! Can any of you relate to this??? Linda

The great thing about being forgetful at Easter is that you can hide your own Easter eggs and then have fun finding them. (I laughed with my grandson, Caleb, when he was asked to help hide Easter eggs for the little ones, and then forgot where he hid them! He's only 18! That made my day!!)

I know how to prevent sagging. I just eat until the wrinkles fill out. (No matter how I try, I can't lose the unwanted weight. It is what it is.)

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Old age is always fifteen years older than I am." (HMMMMM.....maybe that will work.)

The other day, Bill was making coffee in the coffee maker. Some of the sounds it was making reminded me of the sounds I make when I get up from my chair these days!

My favorite quote is from George Burns who said, "You know you are getting older when you stoop to tie your shoelaces, and you wonder what else you can do when you're down there!" (This happens to me all of the time. It usually involves using my handheld sweeper which is always close to where I put on my shoes!)

Book Reviews

Sandy Severe— I just finished reading two books by Lee Hollis. These stories were mysteries about a private detective agency run by three ladies in their 60's. The titles are "Poppy Harmon Investigates" and "Poppy Harmon and the Hung Jury." Very nice and easy reading.

Karen Cahill— I read the book "Giving Hands" by Dr. Ben Carson a couple of years ago. What a remarkable human being! He is a retired Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at John Hopkins. I highly recommend it. I recently saw the movie on Netflix. It followed the book quite well. So, if you'd rather watch it, read it, or both, you have choices.

Cheryl Sample— I read "The Fly Girls" by Keith O'Brien. "How Five Daring Women Made Aviation History". I enjoy reading fiction but this is a non-fiction book and I found the women in this book truly amazing. I am not a risk taker and I believe that is why I was so in awe of these women.

The story is centered on women wanting to fly in the 20's—1920, one hundred years ago! They wanted to participate in open cockpit races. While there were many obstacles, they continually rose above them.

Having lived in West Lafayette for 30 years (Purdue University), I had heard much about Amelia Earhart but I found her story somewhat dull compared to the other less famous flying girls. It was interesting to read of the struggles they endured and the goals they achieved.

This is an interesting history lesson well worth reading. I think it would make an excellent gift for a young woman. It would help her realize that she can achieve her goals!

Great Recipes

JAPANESE FRUIT PIE

(original recipe from Mary Kay Ennis's mother Margaret Hildebrand circa 1935)

1 stick margarine
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 cup coconut

1 cup coarse chopped pecans
1 t. Vanilla
1 t. Vinegar
1 pie shell (unbaked)

Melt the margarine. Combine with sugar and eggs and beat well. Add the coconut, pecans, vanilla, and vinegar. Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes.

FRESH STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB PIE

2 cups sliced rhubarb
1 1/4 cups sugar
1 pkg. Ready-to-use refrigerated pie crusts (2 crusts)

2 cups halved strawberries
1/4 cup MINUTE Tapioca
1 T. butter or margarine

Heat oven to 425. First, combine rhubarb, strawberries, sugar and tapioca. Let stand for 15 minutes. Put crust in 9 inch pie plate, fill with fruit filling, dot with butter, and cover with remaining crust. Seal and flute edge. Cut several slits on top crust. Bake 45 min. (watch out for juicy overflow in oven)

Sweet and Salty Snack Mix

(This is Carol Ropp's recipe that has been requested several times!)
Yield is 1 batch

1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup butter
1/2 tsp baking soda
1 large bag of Bugles (Wal-Mart has them)
4 cups Crispix

1/4 cup light corn syrup
1 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla
1 1/2 cups of pecan halves

Directions: Preheat the oven to 310 degrees. Mix butter, syrup, brown sugar and salt in the pan and boil for five minutes. Don't boil it too hard, or it will get too thick. Remove from the heat, add the baking soda and vanilla, mixing well. Pour over the Bugles and Crispix (original recipe is 4 cups but I don't usually measure exactly) and pecans and stir well. Bake for 5 minutes. Remove from the oven and stir. Bake another 5 minutes and stir again. Bake for 2 more minutes and spread it out on freezer paper. Be sure to break it up before it cools.

Home & Community Education Tri-County Board Meeting

Elaine Hamm
March 7, 2022

Bonnie Lanham, Macon County HCE Board President, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and Homemakers' Aim and shared some military truisms.

Caitlin Mellendorf, Nutrition and Wellness Educator, presented information on the Illinois Extension Deer Donation Program. This covers 12 counties and will run from October 2021 through June 2023. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources previously had a pilot program. It is hoped that this program will be up and running in the fall 2022. This creates partnerships with hunters, meat processors and food pantries for ground and frozen meat. Grant money does not include payment to meat processors, so donations are being collected. The goal is \$1 per pound of meat to be given to the meat processors for a total of \$100,000. HCE or individual donors will be listed on the website without the donation amount given. There is no cost to the hunters. HCE will be going to food pantries to teach recipes, as more protein is always needed.

Roll call was taken by Elaine Hamm, Macon County HCE Board Secretary.

Bonnie Lanham shared about making crafts with Imboden Creek Living Center in Decatur the first Wednesday of each month. She showed samples and asked for any craft ideas. She has spoken at the Kiwanianes and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, hoping to gain some potential new HCE members.

DeWitt: Linda Riva told of fundraiser plans for a cook out in June at the Clinton IGA and possibly a table at the Apple and Pork Festival and Farmers' Market on the Clinton Square. People love their banana nut bread!

Piatt: Miriam Seevers (Cultural Enrichment) shared that Julie Pangrac of Project READ gave an interesting 90-minute program on adult literacy.

Macon: Scrubbies and cards for veterans and soldiers were made available at the RCC Farmers' Market along with HCE information to increase public awareness and interest.

1st Vice President Sandy Severe mentioned March upcoming activities, such as pillowcase sewing day.

DeWitt: Sarah Vogel will give a lesson on butterflies and hummingbirds on March 8. The April lesson will be on public safety and presented by the head of a 911 center.

Macon - 2nd Vice President Lyn Stevens has updated the 2022 membership list. Eight new members joined at the end of 2021.

DeWitt: One unit of 26 members. Karen Cahill commended them for plugging along, as Adams County HCE disbanded even though they had more than 100 members.

Piatt: 56 members in two units. Cisco and Monticello/Voorhies have merged together, plus Cerro Gordo. Miriam Seevers noted that society has changed and now has an entirely different mentality. The internet is the go-to source of information these days.

Macon: For Community Outreach/Family Issues, Mary Ann Platt reported pillowcases were given to the Ronald McDonald House. Four hundred eleven flannel hearts were made in one day. These protect NICU babies from the tubing rubbing their fair skin. Pop tabs are also collected. Operation Enduring Support, which sends holiday packages to those serving in the military, is also supported. Mary Ann asked for assistance in collecting the Brain Teasers insert in the Decatur Herald & Review and blank greeting cards to include in the military packages.

Piatt: Miriam Seevers needs ideas for Community Outreach/Family Issues. It was noted that the HCE annual conference packets will supply some.

Bonnie Lanham suggested Free Libraries, especially for children.

There was discussion on the aluminum pop tabs benefiting the Clinton American Legion.

Macon: For Cultural Enrichment, Cheryl Sample pointed out that the HCE annual conference should be helpful with ideas. She will be attending Macon County unit meetings to promote craft making.

DeWitt: Bags for nursing home residents' walkers have been made.

Piatt: Martha Lynch shared some of their members make crocheted scrubbies to sell. Many ideas can be expensive or time consuming.

For the 2022 International Day, Piatt County will handle decorations. Lois Miller of Macon County offered her decorations and a storyboard. Her daughter will be cooking. Vicky Wooten announced that the speaker will be from Napoli's in Decatur. There will be handouts on facts of Italy, the Vatican and lemon recipes. A travel movie will be shown. DeWitt is in charge of food and was given a brochure on Napoli's to aid in planning. Richland Community College Culinary Department would be another choice.

DeWitt: Alice Grooms shared that the ACWW is supporting Ukrainian women. Its conference will be in Malaysia, which Alice would like to attend.

Macon: For Public Relations, Linda Austin gathers articles and information for the bi-monthly newsletter and stated that Paul Osborne, Editor of the Decatur Tribune is wonderful to work with in getting HCE news to the community. She asked for more Italian recipes to share in the newsletter. New unit members will be spotlighted as well as tributes of deceased members.

Beth Miglin, Extension Program Coordinator, announced Piatt County Gardeners' Day on April 2. The next Tri-County board meeting will be on June 6 at the Cisco United Methodist Church. There is an opening for a 4-H Education Program Coordinator and an Ag & Natural Resources Program Coordinator.

The National Volunteer Outreach Network, Inc. (NVON) conference will be held in Evansville, IN July 25-27. The Country Women's Council (CWC) conference will be in Little Rock, AR September 19-22.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Macon County Home & Community Education Board Meeting

April 11, 2022

Elaine Hamm

CALL TO ORDER: Bonnie Lanham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bonnie Lanham

HOMEMAKERS' AIM: Bonnie Lanham

JOKES: Bonnie Lanham

ROLL CALL: Elaine Hamm

Units represented: Hickory Point; Maple Grove; Patchwork; Oakley-Pleasant Grove; Mt. Zion; Rock Springs

President Bonnie Lanham brought to the Board's attention that at the March 14, 2022 MCHCE Board meeting, a motion was made and seconded to give \$100.00 to the Illinois Deer Donation program but was not voted on. Today, said motion unanimously passed.

Total in attendance: 11 (Karen Cahill, Sally Dennis, Karen Halicki, Elaine Hamm, Bonnie Lanham, Beth Miglin, Lois Miller, Mary Ann Platt, Sandy Severe, Lyn Stevens, Vicky Wooten)

SECRETARY: Minutes of the March 14, 2022 Board meeting were reviewed by all present and approved as read.

TREASURER: Sally Dennis passed around copies of March 2022 debits and credits and a spreadsheet showing current financials so we can see keep track how we compare to our budget proposal. Our current bank balance is \$5,489.37.

The formula for figuring annual conference reimbursement for this year was decided to be \$600 divided by the total number of days Board members attended (11) to get the daily ratio (\$54.55), then times the number of days each respective Board member attended. Karen Cahill suggested in the future each annual conference Board member attending should provide the Treasurer with a copy of her registration to aid in figuring reimbursement. Our 2022 budget designated \$700 for conference. Previously, \$50 was spent for our half-page conference book ad, and \$50 was spent for our silent auction basket assembled by Liz King of Mari-Mann Herb Co. At Karen Cahill's suggestion, it was agreed that next year we will contribute two smaller baskets at a \$25 value each. Karen Halicki asked Elaine Hamm if she's seen a "cheat sheet" used to keep track of items discussed for future implementation. Elaine has not, but will compile one to use on an ongoing basis. This is more efficient than rereading past minutes for such information.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mary Ann Platt read aloud the thank you note from Ronald McDonald House for the 411 bonding hearts. Bonnie Lanham received an inquiry from Carol Drayton regarding a check for International Day which Joyce Boeringer of Piatt County wrote for her and her mother's meals. It has never cleared Joyce's bank. Following discussion, the Board agreed to request that Joyce send a replacement check.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President: Bonnie Lanham went through her draft of the spring program, designating who will perform each duty. She advised that the "clown lady" now has a scheduling conflict and will be the speaker at our 2022 fall meeting. Jerry Culp, Executive Director of the Macon County Conservation District, will be our speaker on April 27. Table decorations will consist of nature items and Conservation District pamphlets.

1st Vice President: Sandy Severe reminded us of the Salt lesson on April 20 (RSVP by April 15), the spring meeting RSVP and the May lesson and Casey, Illinois trip.

2nd Vice President: Lyn Stevens asked for help in passing out awards at the spring meeting. Lois Miller volunteered to assist. Prior to the start of our meeting, Lyn distributed updates and corrections to the MCHCE membership list 2022.

Community & Family Issues & CVH: Mary Ann Platt noted that two ladies, who are non members, have been participating in sewing day. She will recognize these ladies in the newsletter as well as send them thank you cards. Mary Ann received the 1st place award at annual conference for her Family & Community Outreach book.

Karen Cahill showed the 2021 Education Award in International for Outstanding Reporting on Country of Study. MCHCE also received the 2021 Grand Award in Membership for Outstanding Program in the Category of Highest Percentage of Membership for 48.41% membership gained due to Christian County HCE joining Macon County. In the future, this merger would only be considered as a transfer, rather than new membership.

Karen reported that it was highly stressed at the annual conference that all officers are to read through their respective officer packets from conference and discuss at a Board meeting. This will be accomplished at our May Board meeting.

Cultural Enrichment: Cheryl Sample - absent

Historian: Carol Ropp – absent

Co-International: Vicky Wooten and Lois Miller – Vicki will check with the library regarding acquiring a movie for International Day. She hopes to have recorded accordion music during lunch. Lois is gathering Italy items, has a possible Millikin lead for an accordion player, and her daughter will prepare food from Italy.

Public Relations: Linda Austin – absent

Extension Program Coordinator: Beth Miglin asked what information needs to be included on the postcards to be sent to our 125 MCHCE members, reminding them of the spring meeting. Said details were outlined.

Unfinished Business: For the membership drive on August 27, crafts need to be decided on. Bonnie showed us four samples (balloon filled with flour for a type of stress ball; red, white and blue flag fan; green rice with essential oil added in a salt shaker; and a button bouquet). On the afternoon of May 9, Sandy Severe, Cheryl Sample, Karen Cahill, Lyn Stevens and Bonnie Lanham will meet, sharing samples of possible crafts. Karen Cahill suggested that a flat fee be charged for the craft day, as a fundraiser.

Karen Halicki reported on the upcoming Casey, Illinois trip on May 20. Plans are to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Rural King parking lot to carpool. Lunch will be enjoyed at Moonshine, noting cash only is accepted there. The occupants of each car will decide where they would like to go following lunch. Cameo Vineyard in Greenup was a suggested spot in addition to Casey's certified World's Largest Items.

Karen Cahill reported we made a profit of \$52 for providing the Master Naturalist breakfast for 16 people on April 9.

Sally Dennis mentioned the Support Fund Trust, which is a special project to get funds back, that was discussed at annual conference. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Macon County Home & Community Education Board Meeting

May 9, 2022
Elaine Hamm

CALL TO ORDER: Bonnie Lanham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bonnie Lanham

HOMEMAKERS' AIM: Bonnie Lanham

JOKES: Bonnie Lanham

ROLL CALL: Elaine Hamm

Units represented: Hickory Point; Maple Grove; Patchwork; Oakley-Pleasant Grove; Mt. Zion; Rock Springs

Total in attendance: 10 (Karen Cahill, Sally Dennis, Karen Halicki, Elaine Hamm, Bonnie Lanham, Beth Miglin, Lois Miller, Cheryl Sample, Lyn Stevens, Vicky Wooten)

SECRETARY: Minutes of the April 11, 2022 Board meeting were reviewed by all present. Karen Cahill moved to accept them as corrected, and Lyn Stevens seconded.

TREASURER: Sally Dennis reported paying Richland Community College \$786.60 (\$12 per person plus \$102 service fee) for 57 meals at our spring meeting. There was some discussion regarding the spring meeting expenses. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: Bonnie has been contacted about supplying concessions at the Decatur Municipal Band concerts. Since Mr. Softee will be there and that is the preferred treat when it is hot, we are not interested.

Karen Cahill, as District 3 Director, passed around various programs she has picked up from counties she has visited. For our fall meeting, we could try an 8x11 program book. Placemats could be made by printing our theme and "The Collect" creed on legal size paper.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President: Bonnie discussed the deadline for RSVP notification will be 10 days prior to the spring and fall meetings. Payment is to be made prior to the meeting and not the day of the meeting. This will be stressed in the next newsletter. Everyone is to pay, and the treasurer is to have reimbursement ready for any new members when they register at the meeting.

1st Vice President: Sandy Severe - absent

2nd Vice President: Lyn Stevens will order membership pins for members who have never received same. A ton of emergency forms have not been received. Lyn will try to catch members at the fall meeting and will include a note in the newsletter to look for Lyn at the meeting if you haven't turned in your emergency form.

Community & Family Issues & CVH: Mary Ann Platt - absent

Cultural Enrichment: Cheryl Sample will assist with planning crafts for the craft day/membership drive on August 27, but will not be available that day. She does want to take craft samples to the unit meetings.

Historian: Carol Ropp – absent

Co-International: Vicky Wooten and Lois Miller – no additional news about International Day.

Public Relations: Linda Austin – absent

Extension Program Coordinator: Beth Miglin – Sarah Vogel will give the May 18 lesson on Wildflowers and Butterflies. The Tri-County Board Meeting will be held in Cisco on June 6. DeWitt County Fair on July 8-11 will be the venue for 4-H livestock from all three counties.

Unfinished Business: Karen Cahill reported the survey results showed an interest in having a picnic. Due to concerns of hot weather and the task of keeping food at the right temperature, perhaps it would be better to have an ice cream social at the edge of the parking lot at Rock Springs, with each unit contributing a topping. The MCHCE Board would pay for the ice cream. Lois Miller suggested we discuss with our respective units and then discuss at our next Board meeting. Karen Cahill would like each unit to brainstorm about ways to make money.

Bonnie asked for a volunteer to assist her on June 1 at Imboden Creek Gardens. Karen Cahill will help.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

TRI-COUNTY MEETING

June 6, 2022

This meeting was held in Piatt County. Carol Dayton led the meeting. Much discussion was done about International Day in September. This special program will be held in the Macon County Extension Office. There will be Italian food prepared by Richland School of Culinary Arts and Chef Tucker. There will also be several speakers and a movie about Italy.

Several comments were made about what the three counties are actively doing. Fidget quilts, mini Chinese auctions and pillowcase projects were mentioned. There was also some discussion about doing another Tri-County fundraiser together.

The next meeting will be October 3rd in Dewitt County.

Unit News

Center Unit

Mary Lou Poor

We met on May 2, 2022, at the Christian County Extension Office. There were 11 members and 1 guest in attendance. Anne Bandy read a thank you letter from the Christian County Senior Center for the donation given to them from us. We discussed the lesson about "Salt and All of Its Varieties."

Congratulations to Janet Engeling who has been a member of HCE for 60 years.

We discussed getting name pins with the member's name, Center Unit and Macon County HCE on it. All of the members were in favor of purchasing the name pins. Petunias of various colors decorated the tables and each member was given a plant to take home. Delicious chicken salad on croissant rolls and a dessert was served.

On June 6th, we met at the Christian County Extension Office. Twelve members were present. Officers were elected for the year. The name pins were given. Members appreciated them. The lesson about "Wildflowers and Butterflies" was discussed.

Due to the expense of traveling, our members voted to stay in the Taylorville area for their Fun Day. Plans are being made to go to DJ's Restaurant in Assumption on July 21st. for dinner.

At this meeting, each seat had a butterfly gift box with delicious party mix inside it. We all enjoyed the individual pizza and fruit salad refreshments.

We hope to see everyone back on September 12, 2022!

Hickory Point

Louise Wickline

We met for lunch and conversation at Napoli restaurant on June 9th. We know that we will miss our member, Barb Reed, who has moved to Florence, Alabama. She had many cookbooks that she shared with us.

We decided not to meet in July since we will have various summer activities.

We met on April 12th at the Art Farm, a Decatur store filled with original art creations from local artists. We enjoyed looking at all of the works of art: paintings, jewelry, candles, sweatshirts, scarves, stuffed animals, etc. It is remarkable to know that there are so many talented artists in our community. All of the creations are on sale and are sold on commission. We then went to Coney McKanes Cafe to have our meeting. We discussed coming events for HCE. We then ordered a delicious piece of pie to eat while catching up on our friends' lives.

Our May meeting will be lunch at Primrose, and we are looking forward to Irma Ragle, a resident, being with us.

Maple Grove

Mary Kay Ennis

Our unit met May 26, at the Sharon Methodist Church. Our meeting and lunch hosted by Bev Carmean and Pat Bales. Our lunch was catered by God, Family and Friends. Eleven members were present. We welcomed in our newest member, Karen Seefeldt. There were no corrections to the March meeting minutes. Gloria Lowery gave the treasurer's report.

Several cards were passed around for members to sign, to send to ladies who could not be with us due to health issues. Thanks to Carol for the thoughtfulness. Karen Cahill reported that eleven made the trip to Casey, Illinois. She said it was very enjoyable and their lunchtime stop at Moonshine was delicious!

We were reminded about the lesson on "Day Trips in Illinois", the opportunity for sewing day for pillowcases, and the Craft day coming up on August 27. We discussed these places for our meetings till the end of the year; June 23 at Kris Batchelder's home to see her flowers (that meeting will start at 1 :00, and we'll have a dessert), July 28 at Sharon Methodist Church, August 25 at La Tea Da Tea Room, September 22 at Forsyth Park (sack lunch), October 27 at Coz's, and December 9 at Carol Ropp's home. Some of these meeting places have yet to be confirmed.

Announcements: Helen Kershaw wanted us to be aware of the Quilt Show in Champaign, for the Cunningham Children's Home held on June 3 and 4. Meeting ended at 1 :30.

Pana

Nina Elvers

We have been active the last few months. Due to a computer crash, my last article did not get to Linda.

In April, we celebrated our 55th anniversary. We had lunch at Pizza Man and held our meeting and dessert time at United in Faith Church. We have two charter members, Rosalie McLeod and Nina Elvers. We also filled hygiene bags to be distributed to Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Pana. Four of our members attended the Spring Meeting and enjoyed their day.

In June, seven members and one guest toured the Pana Historical Museum. We were very impressed and would encourage anyone to make arrangements to visit the museum. They have pictures, murals, and scrapbooks with stories from the local newspaper over many years. They have an outstanding butterfly collection. The butterflies came from several countries and the United States. The colors, sizes and different species are amazing. Some moths are on display also. After the tour, we enjoyed lunch at the Spring Garden restaurant.

Unit News Cont.

Mt. Zion

Barb Brandt

Our unit met May 25th at Mari-Mann Herbs. We had 13 members and 1 guest. Our host, Mike King, gave a talk about how women could take care of their health. We had a delicious lunch of crepes, vegetable straws and mixed fruit. For dessert, we had a cookie, chocolate mousse, and an apricot bar. We had a short meeting to discuss our future meeting times and dates. We all had a great time. Our next meeting will be June 22nd at La Tea Da Tea Room in Clinton.

Officer's Reports

President

Bonnie Lanham

Hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated during this hot spell. We have a lot of interesting events coming up: lessons, Craft Day on August 27th (watch your mail for a flyer with additional information) and an Ice Cream Social on August 6th from 1 - 3 pm at the Rock Springs pavilion by the pond. Come out and have cookies and ice cream with your family and friends. There will be signs to direct you. Donations accepted.

We are discussing making baskets of snacks for police and firemen. There will be more details later. International Day about the country of Italy is in September. I hope to see one and all at any or all of these events and meetings!!! Have a safe summer!

First Vice President

Sandy Severe

Hello, ladies, and Happy Summer!! It looks like summer will be with us this week for sure!

May began with a lesson on "Wildflowers and Butterflies." I hope you were able to attend. May 20th was our trip to Casey to see the big things. It really was a great day!

Upcoming events in June are "Day Trips Around Central Illinois" on June 15, Pillowcase Sewing Day on June 27, and a lesson on "Food and Drug Interaction" on July 20. Please RSVP to all of the lessons. It makes things so much easier for all of us who are planning the program. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Craft Day/Membership Drive on August 27.

Stay cool till next time !!!

Second Vice President

Lyn Stevens

SAVE THE DATE....Craft Day/Membership Drive is coming on August 27th. Your fee for the day will include several crafts and even your lunch. This is the time to invite family members and friends to join in the FUN!

Anyone who decides to join HCE will only pay half the normal membership dues. Nine dollars will cover the rest of this year. Currently, we have 124 members. Wouldn't it be marvelous to get that number up over 130?

And one more thing.....if you haven't sent in the membership form that has been printed several times earlier this year, we still need these forms to update our emergency contact records. I will have the forms at International Day and the Fall Meeting. Be sure to find me to fill one out. Thank you!

Cultural Enrichment

Cheryl Sample

It's Fairtime! Attending the Macon County Fair as a 4-H member brings back wonderful memories. While my parents always "advised" my sister and me not to go to the carnival area, they never said we couldn't visit the barns.

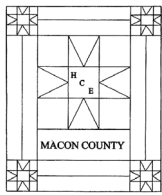
Carol and I enjoyed sewing, baking, and interior design. As an adult, I have zeroed in on the sewing and quilting. I still look forward to attending the Macon County Fair and surrounding counties as well. While I am saddened by the number of clothing, interior design, and food entries, I continue to encourage young people to participate in 4-H. These life skills are so valuable.

Attending a County Fair is the perfect Cultural Enrichment activity for summertime.

International

Vicky Wooten

If all goes well, we have the day planned for International Day. We are hoping for good attendance. We have planned a day with speakers and watching movies about Italy. Another county is in charge of food. They are working with Richland to prepare a delicious lunch. The cost for lunch will be \$15.00. Be sure to get your reservation to Sally Dennis by September 12th. Send your check made payable to MCHCE to Sally at 7562 Bonnie Road, Dalton City, IL, 61925.



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