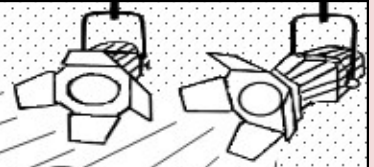


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TRI-COUNTY BUS TRIP



Don't forget to make your reservations for the trip to Galesburg, Illinois, on Thursday, April 24, 2014. You should have received information about this wonderful trip in the mail.

The cost is \$55 per person. You may use the form in the announcement that you received, or you may register on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/dmp. You may contact Mindy at the DeWitt County Office at 935-5764 if you have any questions or comments. Reservations are due by Thursday, April 17th. Be sure to join us for this most enjoyable day!!!



**Spring Meeting
Wednesday, April 30, 2014**

Our Spring Meeting is just around the corner! Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and

the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Illini Room. RSVP's and payment **MUST** go to Pam Walker, 767-2788 or 972-2524 by April 22, 2014. Our menu will be baked spaghetti, layered lettuce salad, garlic bread, angel food cake with strawberries, tea and lemonade. The cost is \$9.50 per person. We are looking forward to our speaker, Brian Replogle, from the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar for a delicious meal and a great presentation by Brian.

Each unit will have a table to decorate with our theme for this year. "Cookin' for 90 Years." Be creative... use old cookbooks, kitchen pans, utensils, etc! We are looking forward to seeing how each unit will use their imagination!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!

As all of you know, our organization is very interested in education for all ages. We offer a very diverse variety of lessons, workshops and trips so that everyone has a chance to learn. We encourage all members and immediate family members to further their education by offering four \$500.00 scholarships each year. The students who have received these scholarships have been very grateful for our help.

Our funds for these scholarships come mainly from bake sales and Master Gardeners' lunches. Each year there are five training program lunches and the Gardening Insights lunch. These lunches are always welcomed by the attendees and we receive many compliments. They don't take a lot of time, but we do need workers to help with them. Except for the members who always work, we are having trouble getting volunteers to step up and participate in helping. We know everyone is busy with other organizations and volunteer work. However, if we are going to continue to be an active part of our community more members must volunteer for our activities. Please plan to help with **at least** one fundraiser each year. If you are called to help, please help. If you don't get called, call a board member and volunteer! It will be greatly appreciated.

If the membership does not want to continue the scholarships, the board needs to know. We would welcome your comments and concerns.

Thank you to all of those wonderful members from Macon, Piatt and DeWitt counties who came to the Extension Office on January 30th to work on items for our "Goodie Bags" for the State Conference in March! Your help was greatly appreciated!!!

Upcoming Events

February

Thursday, February 27, 2014

MG Training Lunch
12:00 p.m. Lunch Served

Thursday, March 6, 2014

MG Training Lunch
12:00 p.m. Lunch Served

Friday, March 7, 2014

RSVP Deadline for March Lesson

Monday, March 10, 2014

9:30 a.m. HCE Board
Extension Office—Clover Room

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Lesson-Heart Health
Presented by Dr. Kariouz
11:00 a.m.
Extension Office—Clover Room

Thursday, March 13, 2014

MG Training Lunch
12:00 p.m. Lunch Served

Tuesday—Thursday, March 18 - 20, 2014

IAHCE State Convention in Decatur
Decatur Conference Center, Decatur, Illinois

Thursday, March 20, 2014

MG Training Lunch
12:00 p.m. Lunch Served

Thursday, March 27, 2014

MG Training Lunch
12:00 Lunch Served

Friday, April 4, 2014

RSVP to Macon County Extension for April Lesson

Thursday, April 10, 2014

Lesson—Richland Culinary Department Tour
9:30—10:30 a.m.
Please meet at the Shilling Door entrance in the northwest corner of the complex.

Monday, April 14, 2014

9:30 a.m. HCE Board
Extension Office - Clover Room
Newsletter information due to Linda Austin

UFO Class for 2014

On January 16, 2014, the first class of the 2014 year was held. It was called UFO (Unfinished Objects) and was led by Sharon Middleton. Six member attended the class. Our project was the "Purdy Petals" painting clip from HCE week last October, we were only half-way done, in October, but we got everything done except gluing the pieces together in January. We had a hard time doing the shading parts, but after doing it for awhile, we got the hang of it! Putting the dots on the daisies was fun and we had a lot of laughs.



Harbor Light Volunteers Needed

Harbor Light Hospice is looking for volunteers in the following counties: Champaign, Christian, Coles, Douglas, Moultrie, Macon, and Shelby. Some examples of volunteer opportunities include visiting hospice patients wherever they call home which includes nursing homes, assisted living, and hospitals.

Volunteers can provide support to the patient's families by phone calls, support groups, running errands, doing simple household chores, or even making a family a casserole.

Providing music or pet therapy is a great idea too! If anyone would have a couple of hours a month to give, Connie Vincent, the Harbor Light Hospice Volunteer Coordinator would love to tell you more about this wonderful rewarding opportunity.

Please call (217) 875-4395 or (217) 853-4039.

More Volunteer Opportunities

We have an opportunity to raise more money for our scholarship program by selling pies, cakes, or brownies at the DAV Hall on a Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in April. The participation in this event will be determined by the response from you, our members. If you are able to bake a pie, cake, or brownies, or help to sell these items, please contact Karen Cahill by February 28, 2014, at 428-0037 or 520-2683. This is another great fundraising project.

Patchwork Unit

The Maroa Patchwork HCE unit met December 17th at 5:00 at the Maroa Library. We carpoled from there to the Decatur airport to enjoy a Christmas dinner together. Five members were present. The 2014 program books were passed out. Our January 21st meeting will be at Crawfords in Maroa. We will meet at 5:30. Prospective new members are always welcome. We have been spending our meeting time dining together and sharing the lessons of the month which are usually presented by Karen Halicki.

Cindy Hoffman, reporting

President

Sharon Middleton

What I thought was going to be an uneventful month has gone awry! With all the snow and cancellations, we have had to cancel the Tri-County meeting due to the temperatures and the tour of the Macon County Health Department. What is next?

We have some great classes and tours coming up. Please check your Program Booklet for the exact events and time. Be sure that you pre-register with the Extension Office so that we have the list, in case we have to cancel anything during the upcoming winter season.

The 2014 IAHCE State Conference will be held here in Decatur, March 18-20, 2014. It will be located at the Decatur Conference Center Hotel. All members of HCE are welcome to come. If you are interested, please call Karen Halicki or me, and we will get you registered. If you are not able to come for all three days, you can just come for one or two days. If you don't want to register, but would like to volunteer, we are looking for you! Again, contact either one of us and we will find something fun for you to do! Conference time is a great time to see what all of the counties in the state of Illinois do, how they use their volunteer hours, Cultural Enrichment ideas, and ideas for Family Issues. Please join us!!

Many members met last week to work on items for the conference goodie bags. If you would like to participate in the upcoming times to help, please call Karen Cahill. She will have that information. If you know of someone that would like to donate something for the goodie bags, that would be great. We are filling 400 bags.

Our lunches for Master Gardener Training will begin the end of the month, continuing into March. If you are interested in helping, please call Carol Ropp, chairman.

Do you have children or grandchildren that are going off to college? Be sure to get the Scholarship Form for them to apply for one of our four \$500 scholarships that we give out. Being the grandparent of a past winner, I know that he or she can use the scholarship money to help pay for tuition or books. The deadline is May 31st, and it has to be in the Extension Office by that date!

For those of you that have asked about Crosby, he is doing fine. We did have a call from the Organ Transplant coordinator on January 31st. They had a liver. To make a long story short, the transplant surgeons decided that it was not a good match for him and we came home. He is on the top of the waiting list and could be called at any time.

Stay warm and safe inside. The weather will not last like this for too much longer and then we will complain about the heat!

Co-First Vice President's Report

Anna Belle Farrell & Janet Winter

Those unfinished projects left behind in 2013 were completed on January 16th, UFO Day. Sharon Middleton taught us again (and again) how it is possible to paint and shade a daisy to look like a real daisy. Nice! The new year began with the Color Training Session for the board members.

February and March are concerned with health, a "Healthy Heart" program with Dr. Kairous and a tour of the Macon County Health Department to learn of their services. April 10th, we will take a tour of the Richland Community College Culinary Department. On April 24th, we will go on Mindy's bus trip to Galesburg. April 30th is the Spring Meeting. The May 15th lesson will be at the ADM kitchen/lab at the J.R. Randall Center. The highlight of spring is the IAHCE Conference in Decatur at the Conference Center from March 18th to March 20th. Fellowship, food, fun and 42 workshops will be plenty!! Don't miss this event of the year!! This year's theme is "Been Cookin' 90 Years," and Macon County is still cookin' on the front burner.

Community Outreach/Family Issues

Karen Cahill

I hope everyone is looking forward to all of the great upcoming HCE events for 2014. I know I am! I'd like to tell you a little about some of the good things we accomplished in 2013.

*We donated **hundreds/thousands** of cards, stickers, craft items, etc. to Macon Resources.

* We donated **44.7 pounds** of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. That was great work since we increased our amount of tabs by **16.7 pounds** from 2012! Remember, it takes about 1000 tabs to make a pound. Our donation to them helps keep the Ronald McDonald House **totally free** to the families. We also donated 30 Guest Chef aprons for people to wear when cooking for the guests. Our culinary skills were put to the test with the six lunches we cooked at the House last year. Our donations also included \$63.00 from the 50/50 drawing, as well as donations of kitchen/pantry items valued at \$200. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THESE PROJECTS!!!!

*We donated 651 items to the Oasis Center of Decatur.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS (CVH)

*MCHCE reported a total of **23,729 volunteer hours** donated by 95 members for 2013. Plus, we had five Units with 100% participation. Great job!!! I compiled a list of over 100 ways people donated their hours last year. Wonderful! People volunteered at churches, the hospitals, food pantries, Meals on Wheels, and assisted friends and neighbors, just to name a few.

Our volunteer hours go to the Extension Office through University of Illinois to help them with grants, possible funding, etc. When you record your volunteer hours you are helping HCE as well as Extension by proving what a worthwhile, dedicated group we have in Macon County. (continued on page 4)

OFFICERS' REPORTS

By using the front of your program book, it will make compiling your hours much easier if you do it **each time** you volunteer. We have tried to make that page even easier to use this year. It doesn't take much time to record if you don't wait until the end of the year. By then, it is too hard to remember everything you did. NOTE: You CANNOT count any hours when you donate your time to help family members. I know many of you would have LOTS more hours turned in if we could count those. If your group would like me to come talk to you about this, I will be glad to try and help. Thanks for volunteering!! It helps you, HCE, and the community.

QUOTE: Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they are priceless. –Sherry Anderson

CONFERENCE HELP

We are planning to fix meals again this year at the Ronald McDonald House. To help defray costs, we will be selling cleaning cloths at the vendor fair during the IAHCE Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18 and 19. I need a few more workers to help. Just give me a call.....520-2683 (cell) or 428-0037 (home).

MACON COUNTY VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED FOR 2013

UNITS	HOURS
Ellaveech	566
Elwin	56
Hickory Point	5364*
Maple Grove	4280*
Mt. Zion	5846
Oakley	2121*
Patchwork	1736
Pleasant Grove	2172
Rock Springs	1415*
<u>Sunny Crest</u>	<u>173*</u>
Total	23,729

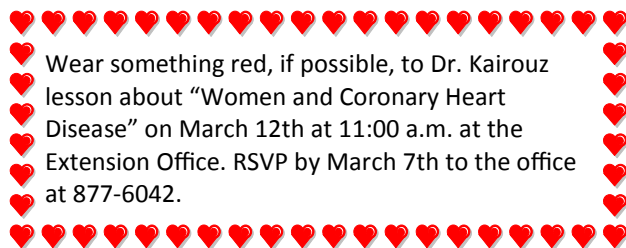
95 members reporting

*means 100% unit participation submitting hours

International

Emily Chamberlain

Margaret Leonard will never be replaced with her enthusiasm for International concerns, but I am excited about 2014. I hope to do my best following in her footsteps. Macon County will host our International Day event to be held September 18, 2014. This will be in the Illini Room of the Macon County Extension Office. Please look forward to more information that will be coming soon.


 Wear something red, if possible, to Dr. Kairouz lesson about "Women and Coronary Heart Disease" on March 12th at 11:00 a.m. at the Extension Office. RSVP by March 7th to the office at 877-6042.

Family Issues

Gini Smith

Hello! My name is Gini Smith. I have taken on the responsibility of Macon County Family Issues. I will start out by telling you a little about myself. First of all, I have been married for 34 years to Dave Smith, which already sounds fishy! Everybody knows a "Dave Smith!" Dave and I have two children, Daniel Smith and Stephanie Smith, who will in May, become Stephanie Smock. So...pardon me if I sound a little dizzy, but I am planning a wedding! I am also the proud mamma of Ramona Ann Smith, my one and only grandchild.

I have my own business, called "Pedicares," which means I do pedicures and I am mobile, so I go everywhere. I go to homes, assisted living centers, hospitals, nursing homes, and the Macon County Senior Center, etc. I mainly serve the 55 and older population. I am also involved with the Central Illinois Honor Flight, and I am getting involved with another program called, AgelessAviationDreams.Org. These programs involve our veterans of war and provide them with a free trip to Washington, D.C. or a free flight in a WWII bi-plane.

HCE is the last and only club I belong to because I believe in what it stands for. I am excited to get started, but I don't know exactly what all of my duties involve yet. Our focus this year is on the HEART. We all want to know about keeping our hearts healthy! I have contacted Dr. Kairouz from the Prairie Heart Group at St. Mary's Hospital. She will be speaking to our group on March 12th at 11:00 a.m. about "Women and Coronary Heart Disease" at the Clover Room at the Extension Office. We welcome our members and the public, but we do require that you make your reservation by March 7th, 2014. We want to make sure that you have a chair!!

I am very excited to be part of the Macon County HCE Board and I look forward to meeting and seeing you at our meetings! Thank you!

Cultural Enrichment

Barb Reed

First, I want to make a correction. Sally Dennis won the embroidery category. In the last newsletter, I mistakenly called her Sally Davis. So sorry!!

I hope you all got your items to the board meeting on February 10th. If not, be sure to get them there no later than the March 10th board meeting. Sharon Middleton and Karen Cahill will see that they get to the convention for the Best of the Show competition. I wish you all the best of luck.

I hope that those of you who go to the State Convention have a good time. I hear it's educational, a way to volunteer if you would like to, and a lot of fun! Have a good February and March. Stay warm and safe in this crazy weather this year. I hope you will all think about something for next year's IAHCE 2015 Convention. See you in the spring!

MACON COUNTY UNIT NEWS

Hickory Point Unit

Despite the cold, cold, temperatures, several members of the Hickory Point HCE met for lunch at O'Charley's on January 14. We were all discussing the changes in weather just that morning, from rain, sleet, snow, and sun. Luckily, the sun stayed out so we could enjoy our delicious lunches and not worry about driving home. Sharon Middleton told us about the many coming events in HCE including the State Convention in March. We are looking forward to our February meeting in Nellie Templins' new home at Primrose.

Louise Wickline, reporting

Mt. Zion Unit

The January 22nd, 2014, meeting was held at Antioch Christian Church with Carol Dilbeck and Carol Flitz as our hostesses. They served us a delicious lunch of soup beans, chicken casserole, slaw, and a jello salad with cookies. Everyone enjoyed it!

The meeting was called to order with everyone introducing themselves, then correcting our name and address list. Carol Dilbeck gave the treasurer's report. Lora Hott mentioned that we should have pictures with names for everyone, in order to learn our names. She volunteered to make these for us. We had a discussion about changing the unit meeting day. It was tabled until next month. We also had a discussion about sending more get-well cards to our sick members. Ruth Gibson volunteered to be our Chairman and mail the cards.

Janet Winter gave the board report. We will need items for the HCE lunch and bake sale on February 8th. Our Spring Meeting is April 30 and we will be having the same caterer as before. We will have a speaker from the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. We had a choice of dates for our unit to help them with a meal. We chose May 19th to help. Our volunteers were Judy Wilhelm, Lora Hott, Vicky Wooten, and Carol Flitz. We will help with the lunch for the Master Gardeners' at the Extension Office on February 27th. We were sorry to hear that this is the last meeting day for Janet Winter to be with us, as she is going to another unit. Before the meeting was adjourned, we filled in our books with dates and names for the coming year.

Helen Kingston, reporting

Maple Grove Unit

The Maple Grove Unit met at the home of our President, Carol Ropp, on December 11, at 11:30.

There were 16 members present. We enjoyed a potluck with our hostess providing the entrée. After lunch, we played a game to exchange our gifts. The meeting was called to order at 1:40. We did not have the reading of the minutes, but the treasurer did report a balance of \$94.85.

We reviewed the new program books and updated our own unit's addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses as needed. We then discussed the making of items to be put in the "Welcome Bags" for the state meeting in March. We are planning to work with DeWitt and Piatt Counties to finalize

what contents we want to include. There will be a meeting on January 30, 2014 at 9:30 in the Illini Room at the Extension Office to work on the details.

Karen Cahill reminded all of us to turn in our volunteer hours' worksheets before the end of the year. We passed around the container for dues and the Pennies for Friendship was collected.

Our next scheduled meeting will be January 23, at Arbor Meadows Clubhouse. The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Kay Ennis, reporting

Pleasant Grove Unit

The Pleasant Grove Unit met Tuesday, December 3, 2013, in the lovely home of Mary Ann Platt for our Christmas party. Due to many illnesses, there were only eight members present for our Christmas party. Mary Shelton opened the meeting. This is her last meeting as we will have a new president, Beverly Wall, in 2014. Thank you Mary, for a job well done!

Anna Belle reported on "Fabulous Friday." Mary reported on "Holiday Desserts." The new program books will be out in December. Some of our members showed their Cultural Enrichment projects.

After our meeting adjourned, we enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner and party. We left thanking our hostess for a super fun and thankful day!

Alice Bray, reporting

Ellaveech Unit

We are saddened by the loss of one of our members, Margaret Foley. We now have 4 members in our unit. We will be going to Bizou for our next meeting.
Barbara Abbott, reporting

Oakley Unit

Our December Christmas meeting was held at El Forno Restaurant. We had eight in attendance including a new member, Linda Law. We all enjoyed lunch, games and our gift exchange. It's always fun to celebrate the holidays and the Christmas spirit. Table decorations were provided by Carol, Lucille, and Sandy. Everyone went home with a smile and a holiday mood.

There was no meeting in January and February due to the bad weather. Hopefully, March will be good for us and we can finally get together!

Sandy Severe, reporting

DECEMBER MINUTES

President Sharon Middleton called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on December 9, 2013. She then led us in the pledge to the American flag and Homemakers' Aim. Nine units were represented with a total attendance of 11.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and corrected. Barb Reed moved and Carol Bork made a second to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Pam Walker reported on the monthly income and expenses. Receipts were turned in for expenses. The report was filed for audit.

Officers' Reports:

President: Sharon Middleton had correspondence to share. She thanked Mindy for our excellent trip to Atlanta and reminded us to thank Doug as well.

1st Vice President: Anna Belle Farrell and Ruth Gibson were absent. Karen Cahill had a report from Ruth about providing desserts for the D.A.V. We decided to try this after March.

2nd Vice President: Carol Dilbeck was absent. Sharon reported that we have 126 members with prospects for more.

Community Outreach/Family Issues: Karen Cahill brought volunteer forms again. She took the donations to the Ronald McDonald House. The monetary value of those was \$200.00 plus the check she donated. She delivered more cards to Macon Resources. Karen's offices will be separated in 2014. Gini Smith will be serving as Family Issues Chairman.

Cultural Enrichment: Barb Reed asked for a volunteer to take the Cultural Enrichment items to state conference. Karen Cahill volunteered.

Historian: Carol Bork reported that she has a new camera.

International: Margaret Leonard was absent.

Public Relations: Linda Austin reminded us that the newsletter items are due February 10, 2014. We discussed who has pictures for her annual report.

Program Coordinator: Mindy Peterson-Lindsey has the retreat planned for January. Amy will do the "Colors" program in the afternoon. We discussed places to go for lunch. Mindy will make a reservation. Mindy and Diane have the 2014 books ready. We need to discuss speakers for the spring and fall meetings. We have met with the Master Gardener Gardening Insights Chairmen to plan the lunch we will serve February 8, 2014. They are joining us for lunch today to see if they like what we plan to serve. Mindy thanked us again for all of the hard work we do. She says we do a wonderful job! We are now listed in the Macon County Foundation brochure.

New Business: Sharon asked about the scholarship program. The forms are available on-line or at the extension office. Carol Bork moved and Linda Austin made a second to adjourn at 11:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ropp, Secretary

The Illinois Association for Home and Community Education for Home and Community Education Conference

will be held in Decatur this year on March 18—20, 2014. All members can attend this conference. Check out the website, www.iahce.org for information on classes and prices. This would be a great opportunity for Macon County members to attend and see what the conference is all about.

We are in need of volunteers for the conference. If you can volunteer please let Karen Halicki know. You may reach Karen at 794-5508 or 855-1703.

Volunteers also needed!!

As you know, Karen Halicki is the chairman for our State Conference, March 18 –20. She is also our State Sales Chairman. I am in charge of getting volunteers to take care of her sales table during the conference. We have two hour shifts during the conference beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please call me to let me know if you can help take care of Karen's sales table. Thank you!

Carol Ropp 855-3339

Rock Springs Unit

November: We ate lunch at the Wharf in South Shores for our November meeting. We had six members and one guest, Donna Washburn, who came with Lois Miller. We talked about the bus trip to Paxton and looked at some pictures that had been taken of the ladies modeling the beautiful hats. The next meeting will be at Millie's with a cookie exchange.

December: The December meeting of the Rock Springs Unit was held at the home of Millie Xanders. There were five members present. We discussed and appointed officers for 2014. Each member brought three dozen cookies, and we had a cookie exchange. Millie's house was beautifully decorated for Christmas. She served us a delicious peach pie. We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lois Miller, reporting

JANUARY MINUTES

President Sharon Middleton called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. She then led us in the Pledge to the Flag, and the Homemaker's Aim. Eight Units were represented with a total attendance of 11.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and no corrections were made. A motion was made by Karen Cahill to approve the minutes, and seconded by Carol Bork. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Walker reported on the monthly income and expenses. Receipts were turned in for expenses. The report was filed for audit.

Officer's Reports:

President: Sharon Middleton thanked the board for all of the hard work that they did this last year.

1st Vice President: Anna Belle Farrell spoke about the new variety of lessons for the coming year. Co-1st Vice President Janet Winter wished everyone a Happy New Year.

2nd Vice President: Sandi Severe was absent. Sharon Middleton reported that we have 126 members. Carol Dilbeck sent her report to Jane, our District 5 Director. Pam Walker will send \$5 dues for each member to the state.

Community Outreach/Family Issues: Karen Cahill reported that we had 23,729 volunteer hours in 2013. Ronald McDonald House received 44.7 pounds of can tabs in 2013 from us. In 2013 we had 28 pounds of tabs. Remodeling at the Ronald McDonald House will be done over most of the house. It will be closed June, July, August and part of September. Karen will be scheduling people to cook two meals in April and two in May. The motion was made by Karen and seconded by Carol Bork to approve to continue this meal program. The motion was approved by the board.

Cultural Enrichment: Barb Reed was absent.

International: Emily Chamberlain was absent.

Public Relations: Linda Austin reminded everyone that articles are due for the Newsletter by February 10th.

Family Issues: Gini Smith reminded everyone that Dr. Kairouz, cardiologist, will be presenting a program. The topic is unknown at this time.

Program Coordinator: Mindy Peterson-Lindsey has lunch scheduled and COLORS will be done with all of the Board after our lunch.

New Business: Carol Ropp asked for a motion to give \$500 to our last year's scholarship winner for expenses he has incurred. The motion was made and approved.

Gardening Insights is on February 8th at Richland's Shilling Center. Food for lunch assignments were made and baked goods for breakfast will be brought by each unit. The cost for the lunch will be \$8.

Master Gardener luncheons will begin on Thursday, February 27 and continue each Thursday for 5 weeks. Carol Ropp assigned people for each week.

Goodie Bag Workshop - Karen Cahill talked about items to be made for the State Conference in March. Maple Grove will have a trial run at making some of these goody bag items on February 23rd at the Arbor Meadows Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to come and help. A Tri-County Meeting on January 30th at the Extension Office will be dedicated to these projects also. Both meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

State Conference: Sharon Middleton presented the president's packet. She has asked Emily Chamberlain and Janet Winter to be delegates for our districts. She also gave assignments out to all of the appropriate board members.

Linda Austin made a motion that we continue to have Cinda Stocks for our catering needs. LaNell Darst seconded.

Tri-County Meeting: Sharon made meal assignments to different people for lunch.

No old business.

LaNell Darst made a motion to adjourn at 11:10. Gini Smith seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
LaNell Darst, secretary



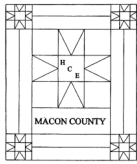
I would like to give a HUGE Thank You to the ladies who put together the luncheon for 185 registered guests of Gardening Insights. It was a huge undertaking in a few short hours. My thanks goes out to Karen Cahill, Carol Ropp, Carol Bork, and Margaret Leonard! If it weren't for these ladies, it wouldn't have happened. Those that received a lunch during this event praised the lunch and presentation. Of course, Mindy played a very big part in getting this all together and we send her a HUGE Thank You also!

Saturday we also had help from Anna Belle Farrell, Gigi Lanhauser, Linda Austin and Clarence Middleton. We were few but worked as a team to complete the task. At the office Diane Dowd gets a big thank you too, for putting decorations on the bags that the individual lunches were served in. Thank You To All!!!

Reminder!!!!

Please RSVP for all lessons & events. If a fee is being charged it is IMPERATIVE that you pay the day you register. Your seat will only be reserved if paid in advance.

Thank you!



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