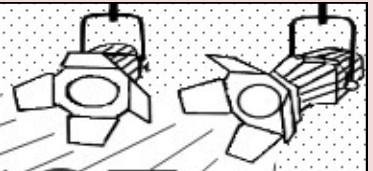


Macon County

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HIGHLIGHTS



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

### Greenwood Cemetery



Our June lesson was spent outdoors on a beautiful morning touring Greenwood Cemetery, one of Decatur’s oldest cemeteries, dating back to the mid-1800s. Our guide, Mr. Lyn Dixon, was most

interesting and knowledgeable about the locally famous people, our town’s founders, who are buried there.

Some of Decatur’s most prominent families are buried in Greenwood, including Robert Faries (Faries Manufacturing Company) David Shellabarger (Shellabarger Grain Elevator) James Millikin (Millikin University) and the Mueller family (Mueller Manufacturing Company).

One of the stories he told concerned Mary Hanks, Abraham Lincoln’s first cousin, once removed. While doing a complete inventory of the cemetery grounds last year, comparing the tombstones with the written records, they discovered her tombstone which was not in the record books.

We learned that grave markers often represented an aspect of the person’s life. An infant might have a cradle, lamb or angel marking their grave. A tree stump or stacked logs represents someone “cut down” in their prime. The elaborate organ with an open book marked the final resting place of a preacher who was also a musician.

### Fund Raising Opportunities



#### Bake Sales in Central Park

**Monday, July 13, 2015** at 6:00 p.m. and **Monday, August 10, 2015** at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your baked goods (cookies, brownies, snack mix, popcorn) to the Extension Office by 12:00 p.m. or to Central Park by 6:00 p.m. This is a good fundraiser for us! Thank you.



#### Help us make pillowcases for the Ronald McDonald House!

Monday, June 22 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, July 23 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Friday, August 21 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To help, please call the Macon County Extension office at 877-6042 to sign up for the day and time that works for you. Please note that you don’t have to know how to sew to help with this project.



University of Illinois Extension will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2015 in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

## Upcoming Events

### July

**Friday, July 3, 2015**

Extension Office Closed

**Monday, July 6, 2015**

RSVP to Macon Co. Extension Office for July Lesson

**Thursday, July 9, 2015**

**Lesson: Can I Really Eat Out of My Flowerbed?**

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Extension Office - Clover Room

Presented by Jennifer Nelson and Mindy Peterson

**Monday, July 13, 2015**

HCE Board 9:30 a.m.

Extension Office - Clover Room

**Monday, July 13, 2015**

Concert in the Park Bake Sale - 6:00 p.m.

Bring baked goods to Extension Office by 12:00 p.m., or to Central Park by 6:00 p.m.

### August

**Monday, August 10, 2015**

RSVP to Macon County Extension office for the August Lesson

**Monday, August 10, 2015**

HCE Board

Extension Office - Clover Room

Potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Newsletter information due to Linda and Ann

**Monday, August 10, 2015**

Annual Program Planning Meeting

12:30 p.m.

Extension Office in the Clover Room

All are invited to attend.

**Monday, August 10, 2015**

Concert in the Park Bake Sale 6:00 p.m.

Bring baked goods to Extension Office by 12:00 p.m. or to Central Park at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 12, 2015**

District 5 Meeting in Decatur

Decatur Club

**Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

**Lesson - Sensational Summer Drinks**

Extension Office - Clover Room

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Presented by Caitlin Huth



The Farm Progress Show is coming! We will need workers on Monday, August 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Help is also needed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The shifts are 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or all day. Please contact Carol Ropp if you are interested in helping in our food tent at the Farm Progress Show. Thanks.

## Sewing Sessions

Our pillowcases for the Ronald McDonald House have been very popular and the House is in need of more. We are scheduling some summer sewing sessions in the Illini Room. If you can join us at any of the following dates it would be greatly appreciated. You will have a GOOD TIME as well! You can always sew at your leisure or in your units and get the pillowcases to us as well. We always need people to cut, pin, iron, as well as sew. We can find a job for YOU. Please let the Extension office know if you will be joining us at any of the sewing sessions so I know how to plan. You can come for an hour or stay all day. Any help is appreciated!

Thanks! For questions please call Karen Cahill at 428-0037 or 520-2683. To register to help for one of the days call the Extension Office at 877-6042.

June 22 (Monday) - from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will have a potluck for lunch. Bring a favorite dish.

July 23 (Thursday) - from 1 to 4 P.M.

August 21 (Friday) - from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will order pizza and salad from Monical's for lunch.

Board Members: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 12, for the District Meeting to be held at the Decatur Club. You will be receiving more information soon. This is a great time to meet other HCE members and share new ideas!

## **Co-President**

Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp

Happy summer! It's hard to believe the year is half over already! We have been busy with great lessons and activities with many more to come. Remember to either get your ideas for future lessons to any board member by the beginning of August or bring them with you to our Program Planning Meeting after the Board Meeting on August 10. If you do submit a suggestion, you need to have the names or information about whom to contact. We can then add your choices to the list of possible lessons for 2016.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Spring Meeting in May. We had an interesting speaker on elder abuse reporting. We collected \$75.00 to donate to the Macon County Honor Guard and \$96.00 from the 50/50 drawing for the Ronald McDonald House lunches. We appreciate all of your support. We will be selling baked goods at Central Park again this July 13 and August 10 during the band concerts. Please consider baking something for us. You get to count volunteer hours for your time! Thank you for your help and support. Remember to contact us with any questions or concerns.

## **Co-Vice President**

Anna Belle Farrell and Janet Winter

Several members of the Macon County Board attended the Tri-County Board Meeting at the Monticello Extension office on Monday, June 1, 2015. Each county discussed their upcoming lessons, fundraisers and events. Here are ours: International Day is September 17, 2015 at the Extension Office in Decatur, IL, from 11-2. Piatt County is hosting this year. RSVP by September 11. MCHCE will once again be working at the Farm Progress Show food booth, September 1-3. We will need around ninety volunteers to staff the booth. There will be three different shifts of workers. The show will run from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. See your County President for the sign-up sheets.

The Tri-County Trip to Starved Rock State Park is being planned for the beginning of October. It will cost around \$75.00. More details will be coming soon.

Mindy reported that the "Make-Explore-Share" Faire in April went over really well. They had people from ages two thru eighty-five doing and trying different things like knitting, rolling pie dough, etc. They are already planning for a 2016 Mini Maker Faire, which will be on Saturday, April 9, 2016. This is an event that showcases individual talents, ideas, creations and unique things. If you have something you would like to show or demonstrate, think about entering into this Faire.

We had close to fifty people at the Hummingbird Lesson in May. There are 340 species of hummingbirds. Twenty-five have been seen in the U.S. The smallest is 2 1/4 inches and the largest is 8 inches. If they survive their first year, their life span is 3-5 years. We also learned about their metabolism, flight and speed, natural food, and feeders for them. Mr. Kleen is a member of Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders. He told us all about the Ruby-throated hummingbird which is usually seen around the Midwest. It was very interesting.

## **Second Vice President's**

Sandy Severe

I hope everyone enjoyed the Spring Meeting! Tess Whimple, Regional Ombudsman, gave a very informative talk about elder abuse. She told us what constitutes elder abuse, as well as how to report the abuse. The Spring Meeting also brought us three new members! Hooray! HCE would like to welcome Jan Phares - Maple Grove Unit, Sharna Reif - Oakley Unit, and the Maroa Library's staff - Patchwork Unit. If you see these lovely ladies, give them a warm welcome!

I will have a table set-up at the Rock Springs Nature Center on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, for the Pollination Celebration! Come out and check out this event hosted by Glaciers Edge Master Naturalists and stop by the membership table to see what is coming up. Let's spring into action and bring in a new member to your unit or one of the other wonderful units. Until next time, invite a friend or neighbor to your next unit meeting!

# OFFICERS' REPORTS

## International

Emily Chamberlain

Macon and Piatt County will be holding our annual International Day Event on Thursday, September 17, 2015, from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Illini and Clover Rooms at the Macon County Extension Office. Piatt County will be this year's host. Recipes, general information, and suggestions for activities and display topics have been distributed to a representative in each unit.

Please discuss this at your unit meetings, make your choices, and contact Emily Chamberlain (433-4962) by August 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have personal recipes that you would like to prepare and share, please include these in time for Diane to add them to the handouts and have a name tag for the dish on the day of the event. We usually have approximately 12 great informational presentations. Due to time, we are asking members to come early and view the displays and that all unit presentations are contained to 3 to 4 minutes.

We are looking forward to a fun and informative event!

## Cultural Enrichment

Sally Dennis

Hello Ladies!

This is a friendly reminder to keep working on your projects for next year's IAHCE Conference in Peoria. If you haven't started working on something, I encourage you to start. You are asked to bring your entry to the Fall Meeting on October 28. This is when we vote on which entries will be sent to Conference. Since quilting and cross stitch are quite popular, as these are what most of us have learned over the years, I would suggest you consider trying some of the less "popular" categories. A list of the Cultural Enrichment categories was published in the last newsletter or you can call Sally Dennis at 864-2792 if you have any comments or questions.

Best wishes on your endeavor!

## Community Outreach

Mary Ann Platt

Karen Cahill, Helen Kershaw, Margaret Leonard and I served lunch to about 15 guests at the Ronald

McDonald House on May 20<sup>th</sup>. This was my first time. Oh, what a wonderful experience! These three ladies were great to work with. Brian gave us a tour of the newly remodeled facility including a guest room. It is a beautiful facility. We served baked potato soup, grilled ham and cheese sandwiches and brownies. We turned in 7.4 pounds of pop tabs. The pillowcases that we donated have all been given to the children. Maple Grove Unit has scheduled a sewing date to replenish the supply. I plan to help them. Some families are not eligible to receive the services of the House, so Brian is going to start a supply cart in order to distribute things such as the pillowcases to those children who are not eligible, but are in the hospital. We need volunteers to serve and prepare lunch on July 15 and on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me at [maryannia@aol.com](mailto:maryannia@aol.com) if you can volunteer either of those days.

Following the Spring Meeting luncheon, I delivered your generous contributions to the Macon County Child Advocacy Center. Their director, Jean Moore, was amazed at the quantity of contributions that I delivered on your behalf. You made me proud!!!!

## Family Issues

Mary Kay Ennis

Our focus this year is Senior Bullying. There is little published research on elderly bullying. Robin Bonifas Assistant Professor at Arizona State University, estimates ten to twenty percent of seniors have experienced some type of senior-to-senior bullying. Women tend towards passive-aggressive behavior like gossiping and whispering about people when they enter a room. Men are more "in your face" bullying. This was quoted from an article "Mean Old Girls: Seniors Who Bully."



Please remember to RSVP for  
ALL Lessons!



# MACON COUNTY UNIT NEWS

## Hickory Point Unit

**May:** Hickory Point met at the home of Merrill Dees. We were happy to welcome our chairman, Barb Reed, back from her winter in Texas. Erma Ragle and Louise Wickline had attended the lesson about hummingbirds and they shared much information about these fascinating birds. Many members have feeders and enjoy watching the birds visit. Merrill served a delicious ice cream dessert which was eaten while we shared great conversation.

**June:** Hickory Point HCE met for lunch at Primrose Retirement Community on June 9. Kate Stankovic, sales director, welcomed us. Our member Nellie Templin, a resident, was happy to be with us. Kate had prepared a lovely lunch that we enjoyed in the club room. Then we went into the ice cream parlor for our meeting. Kate treated us to ice cream sundaes there. We have had meetings there before, and it is a very welcoming place. Our speaker was Penny Weaver, New Life Pregnancy Center, Executive Director. She is a very dynamic speaker, and we enjoyed her talk on appreciating life and our blessings. Find reason to celebrate!!

Louise Wickline, reporting

## Patchwork Unit

Our unit met May 19<sup>th</sup> at Crawford's Pizza. Four members were present. Karen Halicki filled us in on all HCE events that are coming up. She passed out information on the countries that will be presented on International Day. We discussed the food dish that our club would be bringing. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, we will meet again at Crawfords in Maroa at 5:30. We will finalize our decision at that time. New members are always welcome.

Cindy Hoffman, reporting

## Oakley Unit

The next meeting will be at Lucille's home on Friday, June 5, 2015. We will be having a picnic—great fun! Our next meeting will be July 10<sup>th</sup> at Patty's home and Cheryl will be giving the lesson. The lesson will be about "Can I Really Eat Out of My Flower Bed?" We were reminded to have reservations placed for "Tombstone Tales" and "Can I Really Eat Out of My Flower bed"?

Sandy Severe, reporting

## Rock Springs Unit

Six members of our unit attended the Spring Meeting. We won the gravel for having the highest percentage of our members present. We enjoyed talking with all of the ladies of HCE. We had a very informative speaker on the Ombudsman program to help seniors in nursing homes with legal problems. The May monthly meeting was held at Rosemary Knapp's home with five members attending. We discussed the concert bake sales and lessons we will attend. The June meeting was held at the Raspberry Tea Room with four members and one guest attending. Sue Miller belonged to the Niantic Unit and is thinking about joining us. Margaret informed us about the upcoming Farm Progress Show, International Day, lesson planning in August, and all of the Tri-County Meetings. Our next meeting will be held at the Extension Office where we will attend lessons and go out for lunch on July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Bonnie Lanham, reporting

## Maple Grove Unit

The Maple Grove Unit met at the Decatur Club on April 23. We started our meeting early at 11:15 so we could combine it with a tour of the Mueller Museum. There were 16 members present and one guest, Jan Phares, a friend of Linda Austin. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer reported \$195.60 in our account.

The tables at the Spring Meeting are to be decorated with a centerpiece depicting our theme for the year, "Walking with HCE." We need one more centerpiece and Judy Wilhelm volunteered to make that. Our unit is in charge of the breakfast items for this meeting. Several people volunteered to supply that as well.

Reminders: The volunteer list for the Farm Progress Show will be out May 1. The deadline for ordering a purple polo shirt with the HCE logo on it is May 15. Call Karen Cahill if you want to order one. Our next meeting will be May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the Decatur Club.

After lunch, we went to the Mueller Museum for the guided tour. It was very informative!

Our next Unit meetings will be June 25<sup>th</sup> at Bijou and July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Il Forno. Both meetings begin at 11:30. We will hold the sewing session mentioned above after our lunch and meeting on July 23.

Mary Kay Ennis, reporting

# APRIL MINUTES

## Macon County Home & Community Education April 13, 2015

Co-presidents Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. They led us in the pledge to the American flag and the homemaker's aim. Seven units were represented with a total attendance of 16.

The minutes of the March minutes were read. Mary Kay Ennis moved and Anna Belle Farrell seconded that the minutes be accepted. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Pam Walker. Bills were submitted for Master Gardener lunch, photos, books, pins, and lunch. Conference costs for board members will be partially reimbursed. Sally Dennis moved and Janet Winter seconded that the report be accepted and filed for audit.

### Officers' Reports:

**Co-President:** Karen reported that over 180 cleaning cloths had been sold for \$360 profit. There were 354 members attending the conference with 60 counties represented. Next year's conference will be at the East Peoria Embassy Suite on March 15-17, 2016.

**Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents:** Anna Belle Farrell and Janet Winter reported on upcoming lessons.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Sandy Severe reported that we have 113 members and are encouraged about possible new members.

### Community Outreach and Volunteer Hours:

Mary Ann Platt – absent.

**Family Issues:** Mary Kay Ennis, new chairman, is acquainting herself with this year's plans.

**Cultural Enrichment:** Sally Dennis was very pleased with the display of projects at this year's conference. New items to be displayed next year should be brought to the Fall Meeting.

**Historian:** Carol Bork reported that she was adding several new pictures to her scrapbook of the Make-Explore-Share day. Clarence Middleton was absent.

**International:** Emily Chamberlain was absent. Ann Adkesson gave her report. International Day will be September 17 and unit information should be turned in by August 28.

**Public Relations:** Linda Austin and Ann Adkesson reported that they had received information for the newsletter from the units.

**Program Coordinator:** Mindy Peterson-Lindsey reminded units to turn in requests for volunteer jobs for the Farm Show by August 1. She gave information on the June 6 lunch for the Master Naturalists meeting and inquired if we wanted to prepare this for about 50 members. Sally Dennis moved that we provide lunch for the Master Naturalist event on June 6, 2015. Sandy Severe seconded, and the motion passed.

Becky Hugo, Spin Club 4H coordinator asked for help in organizing sewing classes for children age 8 to high school with six one hour meetings. Sharon Middleton will be asked to help with this project.

**Old Business:** The Make-Explore - Share day was very successful and enjoyable. Reservations for the Spring Meeting must be in by April 27. The cost will be \$10.50 and include breakfast rolls and lunch. A menu of fruit chicken salad, roll, salad, and munchies was chosen. Dessert will be lemon or chocolate lush. Decorations will be made by each unit using a shoe box to follow the theme "Walk with NCHCE." Carol Bork will arrange the memorials for deceased members, and Carol Ropp will have a veterans' recognition.

**New Business:** Polo shirts may be ordered from Karen Cahill for \$20 by May 15. There was no action on the name badges.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Wickline, secretary



# MAY MINUTES

## Macon County Home & Community Education May 11, 2015

Co-president Carol Ropp called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. Co-president Karen Cahill led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Homemaker's Aim. Six units were represented with 13 in attendance. We discussed changing the FPS from May 1<sup>st</sup> to after May 1<sup>st</sup>. The minutes of the April meeting were presented. Sally Dennis moved and Carol Bork seconded the motion to accept with corrections.

### Officers' Reports:

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Anna Bell Farrell reported on upcoming lessons.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Sandy Severe was absent.

**Community Outreach and Volunteer Hours:** Mary Ann Platt had lists of ladies who signed up for Ronald McDonald Home lunches. The May and June lunches are covered. We discussed the donations for Child Advocacy program and will continue to support them with funds and donations.

**Family Issues:** chairman Mary Kay Ennis was absent.

**Cultural Enrichment:** Sally Dennis reminded us to work on creative, interesting items to bring to the Fall Meeting.

**Historian:** Carol Bork suggested that any units who have pictures from meetings should mount them on 12 X 12 paper and give them to her to be put into her scrapbook.

**International:** Emily Chamberlain said that all units had been given information sheets on The Baltic State Countries and their recipes. Units should tell her what they plan to prepare. We discussed not having every unit give a presentation, but Margaret Leonard may speak for Macon County for she has visited those countries. Piatt County is the host this year and will have a speaker.

**Public Relations:** Ann Adkesson reminded us that newsletter items are due June 8.

**Program Coordinator:** Mindy Peterson-Lindsey said final reservations for the Master Naturalist Pollination Celebration on June 6 must be turned in 72 hours before

that date. There are 12 reservations now. Lunch will be one each of dollar-bun sandwiches of turkey and ham, a 7-layer salad, chips, and dump cake. We will prepare lunch, deliver it to the Conservation District, but not serve it.

**Old Business:** Orders for shirts were discussed, and Karen Halicki suggested we order a few extra to have on hand. Mary Ann Platt moved and Sally Dennis seconded that we buy 2M, 2L, and 2 XL. Motion passed. Carol Ropp presented a letter from 4-H asking for a donation for their awards. Ann Adkesson moved and Carol Bork seconded that we donate \$90 for six awards in the visual arts and cooking areas. Motion passed. Carpooling for the Tri County meeting in Piatt County, June 1, at 9:30 was discussed. Mindy asked if we would be interested in participating in the new DIY program. We discussed her suggestions of cooking and sewing. We agreed we would be interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

## More Upcoming Events

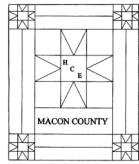
### September

Tuesday, September 1 thru Thursday,  
September 3, 2015  
FARM PROGRESS SHOW

Friday, September 11, 2015  
RSVP to Macon County Extension for  
International Day

Monday, September 14, 2015  
HCE Board 9:30 a.m.  
Extension Office— Clover Room

Thursday, September 17, 2015  
International Day Event  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Macon County Extension Office  
Illini Room and Clover Room



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