

Macon County

HCE HIGHLIGHTS



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

Dear Macon County HCE,
Sometimes in life we have the opportunity to interact with people we aspire to be like. During my time as the Extension Liaison for HCE, I have met many women I hope to emulate down the road. Thank you for your investment in your communities, commitment to be life-long learners, service to Extension, and dedication to the HCE organization. I realize I'm barely broken in with HCE however I have taken a new position in Champaign. I am excited for this new opportunity and to say goodbye to the commute.



You are an extraordinary group and it has been an honor to work with you for the last year. Thank you for your patience, generosity, and humor. It has been a pleasure. Best wishes to you all!

Warm regards,
Karyn Traum



FALL MEETING

Our FALL MEETING and Cultural Enrichment Day will be WEDNESDAY, November 2, beginning with registration at 9 AM. The business meeting will begin at 9:30. Please bring your Cultural Enrichment items for display and voting that day. We will have guest judges from Piatt County who will select the top 3 items in each category. Our members will then vote on the 8 entries for State conference.

We are also having a “Bragging Rights” potluck luncheon, with “Apples” as the theme. Bring a dish and the recipe to share for lunch, and it will be “judged” as well, if you care to enter it in the contest. This is just for fun – something new and different! More details will follow in a separate mailer in September.

HCE WEEK – It’s Gonna Be Great!

Make plans NOW to sign up for all HCE Week activities. You won't want to miss a thing!
Here's the schedule –

Monday, October 10 – Start the week off with a fun trip to The Perfect Pair “junique” and interior design shop – and SO much more – on Route 121 in Warrensburg. 9 AM to 11 AM. Grab a bite for lunch at the SubWay across the highway. Board Meeting in the afternoon at 1:00 PM. Members are welcome to attend!

Tuesday, October 11 – 9:30-11:30 AM - Tai Chi Lesson with Karen Halicki. Followed by Soup & Crusty Bread Lunch (\$5), then stay for the afternoon lessons – 1:00-2:30 PM – “Respect for the Flag”, presented by Extension Advisor Doug Harlan and “Cooking for the Presidents” by Carol Ropp

Wednesday, October 12 – Day Off! Rest up.

Thursday, October 13 – 9:30 – 11:00 AM – “Hold That Thought”, lesson on brain health by Extension Educator Cheri Burcham. Lunch at 11:30 will be Chicken Salad and other goodies, \$5.00. Thursday afternoon is a lesson on rug making with Vivian Faulkner-King from 1-2:30 PM.

Friday, October 14 is our day trip to Bloomington-Normal. Plans are still being finalized, but lunch at the Garlic Press Market Café (<http://thegarlicpress.com/>) is certain! Other possibilities are visiting an alpaca farm, the David Davis mansion or the McLean County Historical Museum.

Watch for a separate flyer in your mailbox next month, and don't forget to RSVP for ALL HCE Week activities by Tuesday, October 4.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Northfork Museum Tour - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Monday, September 5, 2016

Extension Office Closed

Friday, September 9, 2016

RSVP for International Day

Monday, September 12, 2016

1:00 p.m. HCE Board Meeting - Extension Office - Clover Room

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Set-up at 1:00 p.m. for International Day - Illini and Clover Rooms

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

International Day Event - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Macon County Extension Office - Illini and Clover Rooms
Event Contact - Emily Chamberlain

Friday, September 16, 2016

RSVP for September lesson

Monday, September 19, 2016

Senior Center Coloring Day - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Patchwork Unit hosting

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Equine Therapy - Kemmerer Village, Assumption - Presented by Amber Miller
9:30 a.m. followed by lunch served at the village

Monday, September 26, 2016

Pillowcase Sewing Day - 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Extension Office - Clover Room

Monday, October 3, 2016

Tri - County Meeting - DeWitt County Extension Office
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

RSVP for All HCE Week Activities

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

RSVP for Tri-County Bus Trip

HCE Week October 10th thru 14th

See article on front page for details

Monday, October 10, 2016

1:00 p.m. HCE Board Meeting - Extension Office - Clover room
Newsletter items to Ann Adkesson

Friday, October 14, 2016

HCE Week Day Trip to Bloomington-Normal - Meeting place, time TBA
Visit Alpaca Farm, lunch at the Garlic Press & more

Monday, October 17, 2016

Senior Center Coloring Day - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
NEED a Unit host! Call Carol Ropp

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Tri-County Bus Trip to Starved Rock - \$75, includes lunch
RSVP by October 5th.

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

RSVP to Pam Walker for Fall Meeting.

Membership Event: Christmas in July "Spirit out of Season"

Christmas never seems to be farther away than during the dog days of summer. And yet two Decatur women who belong to the Macon County Association for Home and Community Education managed to bring the holiday up close and personal Saturday afternoon, attracting three dozen women to an air-conditioned Extension office to play holiday games, make decorations and sample treats.

"Christmas in July" was one of the association's most successful events in recent memory, attracting 15 women who signed in as guests, some of whom left as members. Indeed, guests jumped out to an early lead on the games.

Sandy Lynch of Forsyth was the day's winner of a free membership. Crafts included making a snowman-in-a-stocking ornament out of colorful foam pieces and decorating white glass jar candles.

Adkesson and Severe concluded their program with food and recipes, with Adkesson demonstrating how to make an edible veggie platter look like a Christmas tree by strategically placing broccoli florets, cauliflower, cherry tomatoes and yellow pepper strips on a bed of ranch dressing.

The two women also sent participants home with their own personal holiday hints and hacks. They suggested that you:

- Protect fragile ornaments by using cardboard coffee sleeves or empty egg cartons;
- Wrap lights around disposable plastic hangers;
- Use scraps of wrapping paper to make disposable napkin rings, line a desk drawer or buffer a package for shipping; Save Christmas cards to transform into gift tags or for use in holiday crafts.

-- excerpted from the Decatur Herald and Review, July 24, 2016, reported by Theresa Churchill.



COLORING DAYS AT MACON COUNTY SENIOR CENTER
We are still sponsoring these on the 3rd Monday of the month. We need a Unit to step up and be in charge of the Coloring Day on October 17 from 1-3. Call Carol Ropp for details and PLEASE help out - it's a fun time!

4 H CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP

On November 5 we will be working with the 4 H-ers again and need volunteers to man craft stations as the kids move through and make Christmas gifts for their families. Details will follow, but please keep this in mind.

DON'T FORGET

September 22 is our Equine Therapy lesson at Kemmerer Village in Assumption. Find out how they use horses with the children to further their mission of supporting families and children who face stress and turmoil in their lives. Details on parking to car pool to Assumption will be forthcoming.

Co-President

Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp

Summer has finally arrived and fall will be here before you know it! We hope you are enjoying this time of year. The calendar will soon be filling up with HCE activities that we hope you will be able to attend. Try to bring a friend with you.

We held bake sales at Central Park during three Decatur band concerts in June and July. Thank you to all who contributed to the sales and those who worked at the park. A wonderful variety of goodies was supplied. Even though you always come through for these bake sales, we are going to discontinue them next year. This decision was voted on by the board members since our sales are down significantly. This is partially due to the competition of the Mr. Softee ice cream truck at the park. Please contact us if you have further questions.

Do you have a desire to serve on the MCHCE board? We will need someone to serve as Treasurer starting in January. Pam Walker has done an outstanding job these past four years. But, according to the by-laws, she needs to take a break for a year. Please consider stepping up to help us. We are a fun group!

Co-Vice President

Anna Belle Farrell and Linda Hooge

Wow! Summer is going so fast. We have had many activities and lessons to attend and many more to look forward to. There are some great lessons planned and two trips coming up. I sure don't want to miss any of them.

The Municipal Band Concert Bake sale in Central Park on July 18th was the first one I have helped with. I baked cookies for the other ones. We were busy and the music from the Municipal Band was good. Something happened that touched my heart. A young man by the name of Dakota, gave us a \$20 bill and asked how much it would buy. We said 20 items and he said "pick out 20 items and GIVE them away to the people who attended the concert". Dakota didn't want anything for himself. Linda Austin and I chose 15 items and 5 drinks and proceeded to give it to the persons farthest from the stage. You would not believe how grateful the recipients were and surprised someone would do this for the, especially a teenager. Linda and I looked up after we had given some of the treats away and there was Dakota with a big smile on his face standing in the background. I believed he was pleased by the experience also.

International Day is coming September 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I hope everyone is getting busy on their contributions to this event. Rock Springs Unit has planned what our contribution will be as well as the recipe we will make. Ecuador should be very interesting country to learn about.

September 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. is another chance to volunteer to help with the Adult Coloring session at the Senior Center. The class is open to persons 55 and older. There is no charge and all materials will be provided by Macon County HCE.

We also provide refreshments like pretzels, cookies, and brownies. This is a great time to increase your volunteer hours. Don't forget, September 26th is Pillowcase Sewing Day. You can bring your sewing machine and sew, or you can cut out pieces, iron pieces, etc. We are planning on having salad for lunch. Bring an item to add to the salad. We have a great time and it helps Ronald McDonald House and you can increase your volunteer hours.

October will be here before you know it. Please RSVP by October 4th for the HCE week activities. Two trips are also available for us to enjoy. October 14th is being planned, possibly Bloomington/Normal. October 20th will be Starved Rock trip for \$75. Don't forget to RSVP for all of the activities and trips. If you are unable to go, please call to cancel your reservation so that someone on the waiting list will get a chance to go.

Second Vice President's Report

Sandy Severe

Oh Happy Day, our membership drive was a success! Christmas in July was attended by approximately 38 ladies. Everyone enjoyed the decorations, games, food presentations and crafts. HCE would like to welcome five new members! Please welcome Sandy Lynch, who won the free membership, Marge Kauffman, Lyn Stevens, Sharon Kelley and Earlene Riley. They have not chosen a unit as of yet, so invite them to visit your unit. Last month Maple Grove unit welcomed new member, Joyce Craig, as well.

I would like to give a special "Thank You!" to my cohort, Ann. It was great to have worked with you on the Christmas event. I couldn't have done it without you! Lastly, but not "leastly", thank you to Betty Trebacz and Linda Austin for staying and helping with cleanup! Kudos to you both!!! Also we would like to thank Karyn Traum for her excellent help on Friday setting up for the event.

Ladies, we have a momentum going with new members. Let's keep it going, don't stop now! Get to work and make Macon County HCE the best, because you know it is!

International

Emily Chamberlain

Ecuador will be our destination for International Day 2016! Wednesday, September 14th from 11:00 -2:00 pm in the Clover Room of the Macon County Extension Office, Piatt and Macon counties will come together for our annual International Day event. Macon County will be hosting this year's event.

We need several more units to respond with their choices of food and display topics. Please check with Emily Chamberlain at echamber1963@yahoo.com or call (217) 433-4962 by August 30th so that we have an interesting variety of food and information to be presented. We also need time to prepare identifying display cards for your dishes. Please be generous

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with your recipes. We are expecting around 70 people for lunch. The Recipe Sampler handed out to a representative from your Unit has a wide variety of foods to sample. If you decide on other recipes, please have those available with your dishes.

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

Put this date on your calendar and plan on being with us for a fun and informative day. Please register for the luncheon by contacting the Macon County Extension Office at 877-6042 by Friday, September 9, 2016.

Cultural Enrichment

Sally Dennis

I hope everyone has been successfully dealing with the heat and humidity. Since it has probably kept most of you inside, I'm hoping you have been working on your Cultural Enrichment project that will be entered in the Fall Meeting on November 2nd. If you are having trouble coming up with an idea and you have a computer, try going to "Pinterest". There are lots of things to give you some ideas. A new list of category divisions will be handed out at the District Workshop meeting on August 10th. If you are already working on a project, it will be ok. It just might be in a different category, but all of the other rules will still be the same. I will send a copy of the new list to each unit president.

Also, don't forget to dig out your favorite recipe that has apples in it for our potluck lunch for the Fall Meeting. Entries can be cakes, breads, salads, desserts, snacks or whatever you like best. You can enter more than one category. Main dish or meat dish items don't have to be apples, but should be a slow-cooker dish. The different dishes in each category will be judged for first, second and third place bragging rights! Don't forget to keep track of your time while you are working on your project and creating your potluck dish for volunteer hours. Happy creating!!!!

Community Outreach

Mary Ann Platt

On July 28th, 42 pillowcases were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House. That brings our total so far this year to 106. On the same date, 30 pounds of pop tabs were delivered. That annual total so far is 63 pounds. Karen and Carol delivered 8 adult pillowcases to the Hopedale Medical Complex to be distributed to the residents. This is where Mindy is working now. Our next sewing day is September 25 from 9:30-3:30. Please consider helping us any portion of the day. It's really a fun day. Each attendee is asked to bring a food contribution for our salad lunch.

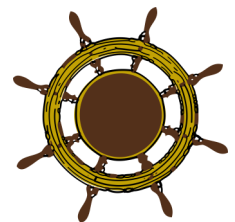
When you bring or send your pop tabs, a closed container makes it easier for me to carry, store, and deliver. Many of you are putting them in Ziploc bags which is great. Some are sending them in clean milk jugs. Thanks so much for all that you do.

Family Issues

Mary Kay Ennis

Thank you to those who attended the Flag Retirement Ceremony to represent our organization. The ceremony was at the Mt. Zion Lion's Club Park Foundation Grounds. There were six members, wearing their purple shirts, who attended. It was a very windy evening, but the crew of Boy Scouts was prepared for such. The ceremony was very touching, from the singing of our National Anthem to the reading of two sentimental poems, entitled, "I Am Your Flag" and "It's the Soldier". It was a collaboration of the American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America. I took several pictures, but the one that I liked the most was an Eagle Scout teaching a young Boy Scout the proper way to fold the flag. Each flag was doused, and then taken to the burning pile and gently placed on top.

Our 29 flags were among the 400 plus that were incinerated. I cannot describe the dignity that was attributed to each flag before its burning. I hope more people will attend this celebration next year. My husband accompanied me and, as a veteran, he was handed an envelope with a beautiful brochure thanking him for his service. Also, in the envelope was a very beautiful medallion. It now has a place of honor on our mantle. I hope to see you on Flag Day next year as this beautiful ceremony will be performed again.



ROLLIN' ON THE RIVERS!

10 LONGEST RIVERS IN THE USA

1	Missouri River	2,540 miles
2	Mississippi River	2,340 miles
3	Yukon River	1,980 miles
4	Rio Grande	1,900 miles
	St. Lawrence	1,900 miles
5	Arkansas River	1,460 miles
6	Colorado River	1,450 miles
7	Atchafalaya	1,420 miles
8	Ohio River	1,310 miles
9	Red River	1,290 miles
10	Brazos River	1,280 miles

-from water.usgs.gov

Please Remember to
RSVP to all Lessons

MACON COUNTY UNIT NEWS

Hickory Point Unit

Hickory Point unit HCE had no meeting in July so we were very happy to be together in August for lunch at IL Forno restaurant. We have plans to attend several county meetings in the coming months as our meeting times.

Louise Wickline, reporting

Oakley Unit

Our July meeting was held at Cheryl's with Cheryl giving the lesson on Bucket Gardening. As always, Cheryl served a delicious dessert. Our next meeting will be at the North Fork Museum for the tour and after the meeting we will go to lunch and have a business meeting. Looking forward to the International Day in September.

Sandy Severe, reporting

Maroa Patchwork Unit

The Maroa patchwork unit met June 21 at Crawford's Pizza in Maroa. There were 4 in attendance. We enjoyed dinner together and planned our next meeting. July was a busy month so we skipped it. August 16, we will meet at the Maroa library at 5:30. We will be making our poster for international day. Our display will feature the agriculture of Ecuador. Please bring articles and pictures to the August meeting. If anyone has information on Ecuador to add to our project please contact an HCE member. Our poster, along with other HCE units' posters will be displayed September 14th at the Macon county extension office from 11:00 a.m. To 2:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

Cindy Hoffman , reporting

Pleasant Grove Unit

The Unit met July 5th at Coz's in Mt. Zion. Our hostess was Alice Bray. The meeting was called to order by Mary Shelton in the absence of our two Co-Presidents. Reports were read and approved. Sally reported on the pillow case project. She also demonstrated how to make a coaster from material. Members were reminded to RSVP for Christmas in July on July 23rd. The bake sale in the park is on July 18th. Recipes for International Day meeting were passed around and members signed up for the recipes they wanted to make. Elsa is in charge for our unit.

Meeting was adjourned and lunch was ordered.

Barb Wall, reporting

Maple Grove Unit

At our meeting on July 28th, the roll call was answered by naming our favorite season. You are correct if you said, "I bet no one chose summer!" That meeting was in the air conditioned Scovill Banquet room away from the humidity and heat! We had 17 members present.

Ann Adkesson, one of the presenters for the July lesson, reported that there were 38 people who attended the "Christmas in July". There was a total of 15 guests, five of whom want to join our ranks at HCE, and two newspaper reporters. Along the lines of old business, at the last pillowcase sewing day, there were five 4-H students that were willing to learn our process of pillowcase making. That day, June 27th, fifty cases were made. The next pillowcase day will be September 26th. Our lunch that day will be a salad bar. Everyone is asked to bring an ingredient.

Under new business, we decided which item to prepare for the

International Day. Pam Walker volunteered to be in charge of the preparation. Our outreach activity of coloring with senior citizens has a definite day each month. It was announced that the Municipal Band has decided to reimburse us the 20% that they collected this year from our profits. We, as a group, still have mixed feelings about continuing this next summer. Karen Cahill gave a short synopsis of the NVON Convention that she attended. She thoroughly enjoyed it and will be putting an article in our next newsletter concerning her attendance. She wants to go the one next year!

Maple Grove Unit will not meet in August, but many of us are attending the tour of Northfork Museum on August 17th. We discussed carpooling from Carol Ropp's home to the Equine Therapy Lesson on September 22. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Mary Kay Ennis, reporting

Mt. Zion Unit

June: Our June meeting was held at Kraves in Mt Zion. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and yummy ice cream. We answered our roll call with memories from our weddings, some interesting stories were shared (at least those we could remember, as most of us have been married for a LONG time)!

President Carol Flitz reported that our sick members were doing better. Carol gave our board report. She mentioned that the scholarship committee is looking over their rules; Emily Chamberlain is replacing Margaret Leonard. Suggestions are needed for next years' programs. We may not do the band concerts next year because of not making much money. She announced the dates for pillowcase making and the Christmas in July event and fall meeting being an apple potluck. The next coloring event at the Senior Center will be July 18.

Our July meeting will be at the Lincoln Theater followed by lunch at the Downtown Café. We then left and toured the Staley Museum.

Vicky Wooten, reporting

July: Our July activity was to visit the Lincoln Theater. A small group of 8 were taken back in time with cameras from the Old Rogers Theater and playbooks from the past. Adam White, President of the Lincoln Volunteers, gave a great talk on the history of the Lincoln. We learned that the Lincoln is the oldest theater in Decatur. It has such an interesting history, and he was such an enthusiastic speaker that I can see why the theater is getting a new lease on life. They have a variety of shows scheduled for the coming months.

Following the visit, we had lunch at the Lincoln Lounge. Aside from the high seats, we had a great lunch. It is always nice to visit with the other ladies.

Our August outing will be a visit to the Little Theater. We will see Shear Madness and try to find out who the murderer is.

Carol Flitz, reporting

Rock Springs Unit

The July meeting of the Rock Springs Unit was held at the home of Lois Miller with 7 members present. We discussed what we were going to do as a unit for International Day, and decided on traditions and fashions of Ecuador. We also determined a recipe for our unit to make. Nancy Norton delivered a fan to the Senior Citizens Center. Our next meeting will be at Rosemary Knap's house in Niantic on August 11th at 2 p.m.

Lois Miller, reporting

JUNE MINUTES

Macon County HCE Board Meeting
June 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm by Co-President Carol Ropp. She and Co-President Karen Cahill led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Homemakers' Aim. There were 7 units represented and 16 members present.

The minutes of the May meeting were presented. Sally Dennis moved and Ann Adkesson seconded that they be approved as corrected. Treasurer Pam Walker's report was filed for audit. Carol Ropp presented one bill to be paid.

Correspondence: A thank you note from Child First was read.

Officers' Reports:

Co-Presidents: Anna Belle Farrell reported that the tri-county meeting and the Garden Meeting had been very enjoyable. There were many interesting meetings listed for the future. Linda Hooge was absent.

2nd Vice President: Sandy Severe said that she and Ann Adkesson are completing plans for Christmas on July 23. We are encouraged to invite friends to attend. By joining in July their dues would be just \$7.50.

Community Outreach and Volunteer Hours: Chairman Mary Ann Platt said that 62 pillowcases and 33 lbs. of pop tabs had been taken to Ronald McDonald House. Boxes of card fronts had been delivered to Macon Resources. They are no longer needing these cards. Child First received a check for \$57 along with paper products and treats. Mary Ann Platt moved and Sandy Severe seconded that we divide June 27 completed pillowcases between Ronald McDonald House and the Hopedale Medical Complex gift shop. Motion passed.

Family Issues: Mary Kay Ennis reminded us of the flag retirement ceremony in Mt. Zion tomorrow. She will deliver our donated old flags there.

Cultural Enrichment: Sally Dennis spoke about ideas for craft projects. Food entries for the fall meeting on November 2 will be used for the lunch menu.

Historian: Lois Miller was absent.

International: Chairman Emily Chamberlain said units needed to be reminded to send in their choices for food preparation for Ecuador.

Public Relations: Ann Adkesson reminded us of the newsletter deadline.

Program Coordinator: Karyn Traum reported that the Starved Rock bus trip will be on October 20, and the cost of \$75 will include lunch at the lodge. The Bishop Hill trip will be on October 14.

Unfinished Old Business: The Municipal Band Bake Sale made \$87.97 profit. A part of the proceeds has to be given to the band, so our total was not as much as in the past. We will have the sales for this year but are considering if the proceeds are large enough to make it worth our while to continue.

New Business: Two scholarship applications had been received that did not follow the rules for entering. They will be returned with letters explaining the necessary rules. Emily Chamberlain volunteered to serve on the scholarship committee.

Program Planning will be at 9:30 am on July 11. The Board meeting will follow in the afternoon. Lunch will be ordered from Benny's. National Volunteer Outreach Network Conference will be

on July 19 in Bloomington. The District Meeting will be on August 10, and reservations should be made by July 27. 4-H members will be invited to attend a pillowcase sewing day on June 27 at 9:30 am or 1:30pm. Materials will be provided, and 4-Hers should register ahead of time. Lunch will be a salad bar with members contributing ingredients. Senior Coloring Days will be June 20 and July 18, 1 – 3pm. at the Senior Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15

Respectfully submitted

Louise Wickline



NVON Conference

National Volunteer Outreach Network

What a fun, interesting time several Macon County members enjoyed at the recent NVON conference in Bloomington, IL. There were about 140 HCE people from eight different states. We had great speakers, classes, entertainment, and food. Remember, as a member of IAHCe, you ARE a member of NVON.

To help you better understand what the organization is about I am going to give you some information taken from the website <http://www.nvon.org>

A conversation between members of several Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) United States of America (USA) member societies attending the Country Women's Council USA September 1994 Annual Meeting concluded there was a needed connection among this group of CWC and ACWW member societies in the USA. A group met at the 1995 CWC meeting and voted to establish a national organization. October 1, 1995, the National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON) was formed.

The National Volunteer Outreach Network is comprised of member organizations working together to promote communication, education, and volunteerism for all people.

The purpose of NVON is: (Some of the points)

- *To work with the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)
- *To promote friendship and understanding in the world
- *To promote sharing between member states
- *To promote well-being of individuals and families
- *To bring about a better understanding of the relationship of home, community, state, nation and the world



The mark National Volunteer Outreach Network was registered with the United States Patent and Trade Mark Office on September 21, 1999 and renewed March 21, 2005. The "Ns (National & Network) are supporting the (Volunteers), who are holding up the world (Outreach), to make the world a better place for women and families. The NVON Logo was adopted October 10, 1999.

Next year's NVON conference will be held July 18-20 in Raleigh, NC. "Support Lifelong Learning: New Ideas & Knowledge for a Newer You"

Mark your calendar for a fun time getting to know ladies from around the country.

Karen Cahill

JULY MINUTES

Macon County HCE Board Meeting July 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Co-presidents Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp who then led us through the Pledge of Allegiance and the Homemakers' Aim. After an opening moment of levity, the roll call was taken. There were 8 units represented and 16 members present.

The secretary's minutes were approved as corrected. Linda Hooge moved and Sally Dennis seconded this motion. The treasurer's report was filed for audit. Bills were presented by Gini Smith for the senior coloring activity. Mary Ann Platt moved and Lois Miller seconded to pay this bill.

A thank you note for pillow cases was received from Ronald McDonald House.

Officers' Reports:

Co-Presidents: Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp deferred their comments to the unfinished business report.

Co-1st Vice Presidents: Anna Belle Farrell was interested in many of the new ideas that had been given for next year's programs. Linda Hooge reminded members to bring food for the next bake sale.

2nd Vice President: Sandy Severe gave more details about the Christmas in July Party which will be on July 23rd. She and Ann Adkesson are planning activities and treats.

Community Outreach and Volunteer Hours: Chairman Mary Ann Platt reported that 50 pillowcases had been finished at the last sewing day, and 4-H-ers had been good learners. Many pop tabs have been collected to be taken to Ronald McDonald House.

Family Issues: Chairman Mary Kay Ennis was absent.

Cultural Enrichment: Chairman Sally Dennis reported that 400 flags had been retired in the ½ hour ceremony in Mt. Zion. Carol Bork and Carol Flitz will be asked to help with luncheon plans for the fall meeting. Members are encouraged to continue work on their crafts.

Historian: Lois Miller had been inactive because of her foot surgery but will begin working again on getting pictures changed to DVD's.

International: Chairman Emily Chamberlain was absent.

Public Relations: Ann Adkesson said the next newsletter will be published on August 8.

Program Coordinator: Karyn Traum reported that the October 20 bus trip to Starved Rock will load in Clinton at 8:30 am. The cost will be \$75. The Bishop Hill trip has been cancelled. A trip to Bloomington/Normal is being considered instead. Suggestions are the Garlic Press, McLean county museum, and David Davis home. The date will be October 14 and we will probably use car pools for transportation.

Unfinished Old Business: The senior coloring day was successful, and the next session will be July 18, 1-3pm at the Senior Center. District Meeting will be in Springfield on August 10, and board members signed up to attend. The Band Bake Sales have not been lucrative. We will honor our date for the 18th. Sally Dennis moved and Lois

Miller seconded that we will not continue these sales next year. Motion passed. The group felt that the scholarship recipient should not be able to resend credentials after not following directions. The scholarship committee will be meeting soon to consider this year's applicants. Pillowcase sewing day will be September 26, 9:30 to 3:30pm. A salad lunch was discussed. The National Volunteer Outreach Network Conference will be in Bloomington on July 19. Several members will be in attendance to give lessons.

New Business: The visit to the Macon County Historical Museum will be on August 17, 9:30 to 11:00 am. There is a \$2.00 admittance fee. We will sponsor a 4-H Christmas Craft lesson on November 5, 9:30 to 11:30 am. Suggestions for crafts were tiles, popsicle stick trees, pint jar-Epsom salts, tree ornaments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Wickline

List of books from the NVON conference.

Following is a short list of books you might be interested in reading. This was given out at the NVON conference by Melissa Gouty from Danville, IL. These are books about the role of women settling the west.

Treasures in the Trunk: Quilts of the Oregon Trail by Mary Bywater Cross

The Quilt that Walked to Golden: Women and Quilts in the Mountain West From Overland Trail to Contemporary Colorado by Sandra Dallas with Nanette Simonds

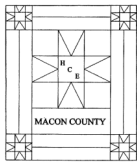
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