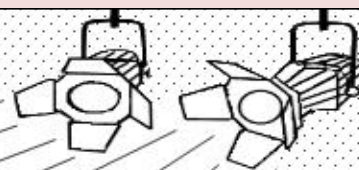


Macon County

**HCE
HIGHLIGHTS**



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

Dump Meals

What in the world are "DUMP MEALS"? Come to our program on Saturday, July 29, from 1 to 2:30 pm in the Clover Room at the Extension Office. This is our membership drive, so bring family and friends to this fun, exciting and entertaining program by Carol Ropp and Sandy Severe! Call the Extension office at 877 - 6042 to reserve your seat!



Just a Reminder!!

Be sure to mark your calendars for Monday, July 10, at 9:30 and come help us "brainstorm" program ideas for 2018! If you have an idea, please give us a name to contact. There will be time for a lunch break, and then our HCE board meeting begins at 1:00 pm. Please come and help us plan programs for 2018! WE NEED YOU!

Please Remember to
RSVP to All Lessons
877-6042



Don't Forget

Scholarship applications are due in the Extension Office by 4:00 pm on Tuesday July 1, 2017. Be sure applicant has followed all of the directions on the form. We have four \$500 scholarships to award to deserving students!. The application form is on our MCHCE website. If you have any questions, call Karen or Carol.



**FARM
PROGRESS
SHOW. 2017**

The Farm Progress Show will be here before we know it, August 29 - 31. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for our Scholarship Fund. We need your help to make this event successful! Call Carol Ropp at 865-2562 (home) or 855-3339 (cell) to volunteer your time! Thank you.

In Memory

A member of the Mt. Zion Unit, Connie Nickey, recently passed away. Her unit honors her by saying that she was such an inspiration to all of them. She was always willing to do any job. They will miss her smiling face.



Upcoming Events

JULY

Tuesday, July 1, 2017

Scholarship Deadline

Must be delivered to Extension Office by 4:00 pm.

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Extension Office Closed

Friday, July 7, 2017

RSVP for July Lesson

Monday, July 10, 2017

Annual Program Planning

9:30 am Extension Office - Clover Room

Monday, July 10, 2017

1:00 am HCE Board Meeting

Extension Office - Clover Room

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Demystifying the U of I Staff

9:30 am. To 11 :00 am.

July 18 - 20, 2017

NVON National Volunteer Outreach Network Conference

Raleigh, North Carolina

Monday, July 24, 2017

RSVP for July Lesson

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Dump Meals

Sandy Severe & Carol Ropp

Membership Drive Event

1 to 2:30 pm

Extension Office - Clover Room

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

IAHCE District Meeting

Friday, August 11, 2017

1 pm HCE Board Meeting

Extension Office - Clover Room

Newsletter information due to Linda Austin lindaustin48@gmail.com

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Northwest Community Fund

Jerry Pelz

9:30 am to 11 am

825 N Water St., Decatur, IL

August, 29 -31, 2017

Farm Progress Show

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 4, 2017

Extension Office Closed

Monday, September 11, 2017

1 pm HCE Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

RSVP For International Day

to Frances Kurr % Piatt County

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Maker Fest Moon Sand

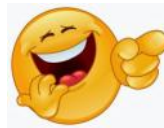


Making Moon Sand was a great way to have fun on a gloomy Saturday at the Civic Center. Our Flour Fun booth was a real hit with young and old alike at the Maker Fest on April 29. We had over 100 participants who even took some of the product home along with the directions to make more. Many thanks to all of the Macon County ladies who helped prepare the give aways, set up, play with the kids, and clean up. Your help was very much appreciated.



Pillowcase Sewing Day

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our sewing day on Monday, June 26, at 9:30 to 3:30 ! We need cutters, ironers, and sewers on that day. We have jobs for everyone! Come for the day or for just a few hours! Call Carol or Karen to let them know that you will be there.



Summer Silly

I was pleading with my elderly mother to please try to use the Internet. I don't know how she lasted this long without using it. Enough is enough, I thought.

She reluctantly sat down in front of the computer and put on her reading glasses. "Okay, what do I do now?" she asked.

I explained I would open the home page of Google. I told her to type in ANY question and Google would find an answer for her. She looked at me warily, thought for a second as I reassured her. She slowly began to typing.

How is Gertrude this morning?

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Co-President's

Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp

Happy summer! It's hard to believe the year is almost 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 July or bring them with you to our program planning meeting at 9:30 on July 10. If you do submit a suggestion, you need to have the name or information about whom to contact. We can then add your choices to the list of possible lessons for 2018. Since we will be celebrating our 100 year anniversary next year, we are planning to incorporate some OLD, but updated lessons into our year.

Speaking of our anniversary--- We are starting to plan for our anniversary celebration. If you have any special ideas of anything you would like to see as part of the event, please get your thoughts and ideas to one of us or any board member.

Hope you have a great summer with family and friends.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Co-1st Vice President's Report

Anna Belle Farrell and Linda Hooge

We have so much to look forward to in the next couple of months. If you have someone who wishes to apply for a scholarship, look over the application to be sure the directions have been followed. The application must be delivered to the Extension Office by 4 p.m. on July 1, 2017.

On July 13th, the lesson is "Demystifying the U of I Staff." On July 24th, Sandy Severe and Carol Ropp will teach us how to make dump meals. This is a membership drive event, so be sure to invite ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS! Jerry Pelz will take us on a tour of the Northeast Community Fund on August 16th. Once again, MCHCE will be helping with the Farm Progress Show from August 29 to August 31. Check your calendars to see if you are available to help.

Do you have ideas for future lessons, places to visit, or a topic that you would be willing to teach? Please let Sharon Middleton or one of the other board members know. We need 33 lessons.

Happy Summer! We hope to see many of you at our programs this summer. Bring your friends!

Second Vice President's Report

Sandy Severe

Happy summer, ladies! I hope that you haven't melted away yet! July will be a busy month. On July 13th, the lesson will be "Demystifying the U of I Staff", which should be very helpful and informative. The NVON conference is being held in Raleigh, North Carolina, and our own Sharon Middleton will be attending this conference. **July 29**th is our **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** and a lesson on "DUMP MEALS" will be presented by Carol Ropp and me. Bring all of your friends or relatives for this entertaining, exciting, and fun **Saturday afternoon program** from 1 to 2:30 p.m.!

On a sadder note, we are sorry to report that Connie Nickey from the Mt. Zion unit passed away in June. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Connie's family. She will be missed.

You all keep cool and enjoy your summer! Be sure to mark your calendars for our **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** on Saturday, July 29! We know that you will enjoy this program!

International

Emily Chamberlain

The Philippines is our destination for International Day 2017, on Wednesday, September 20th from 11:00 to 2 pm. Piatt County will be hosting our annual International Day event at the Macon County Extension Office. Don't forget to discuss food choices and display topics at your next Unit meeting and send these to me at echamber1963@yahoo.com, HYPERLINK "mailto: echamber1963@yahoo.com" or call 217-433-4962 by AUGUST 25th. The recipe sample has a wide variety of foods for us to sample, but if you decide on another recipe, please have that available with your dish. Put this date on your calendar and plan on being with us for a fun and informative day!!!

Historian

Karen Halicki

I am looking for pictures of your units this year! So, if you have done something or just want a group picture in the history book of your unit, please send it to me. My next project is to try and get the pictures and articles in the books on a CD and a memory stick. I hope you are having a great summer with your family and friends!

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Cultural Enrichment

Sally Dennis

I hope all of you are having a fun and safe summer. For those who attended the Spring Meeting, I hope you enjoyed yourselves. We had a great meeting and lunch, and a wonderful speaker. Phyllis Bechtold told us about the time she spent on a towboat as the cook for the crew while they pushed the barges up and down the Mississippi River. She also had the children's books she has written from the perspective of an American bald eagle.

Don't forget to create something to bring to the Fall Meeting for Cultural Enrichment. Be sure to also check you pumpkin recipes for our potluck dishes for this meeting.

UNIT Reports

Rock Springs Unit

May: We met at the home of Donna Washburn on May 10th. We had nine members present. Pauline O'Dell is a mailbox member but she will be joining our unit. We are thrilled to have her. We discussed the upcoming events: the farm tour on June 21 at the Maddox Sweet Corn Farm, B & B Beef Farm, and Connie's Greenhouse. Lyn Stevens reported on upcoming events in Decatur such as the Haunted House tour, Ladies Night Out, and the Garden Walk. Our next meeting will be June 14th at Lyn Steven's home.

June: We met at the home of Lois Miller. Eight members were present. Lyn Stevens led a very informative discussion on several articles from the Thrive magazine of upcoming events. She also led the interesting major lessons on "Indestructible Houseplants". Our unit will meet on August 9th at 11 for a luncheon at Mari-Mann's Tea Room. We have to have a minimum of 10 people, so please call Bonnie Lanham at 428-7404 for your reservation.

Lois Miller, reporting

Pleasant Grove Unit

Our unit met June 6th at Coz's in Mt. Zion. We had 8 members present. Else Farnham was our hostess. Mary Ann opened the meeting with the Homemaker's Aim. The secretary and treasurer's report were given. She then gave us a pillowcase update and a Child 1st Spring Meeting report about the donations. Sally and Mary Ann told us about some of the plans for the centennial celebration next

year. Anna Belle reported on the upcoming lessons. Else passed out recipes for International Day on September 20th. The Farm Progress Show is also coming up in August. The meeting adjourned at noon. We had a wonderful day!

Alice Bray, reporting

Hickory Point Unit

Our unit met on May 9th at the Primrose Retirement Community for a delicious lunch. Kate Stankovic, Primrose Sales Director, was our hostess. Chairman Barb Reed conducted our meeting. Sharon Middleton reported on news from the county board and urged us to attend future lessons. The Philippine recipes for International Day were shared. Kate presented the program on Senior Living Residences as we sat in the very comfortable chairs in the theater. Primrose has both independent facilities and assisted living apartments. They strive for a happy, healthy living environment. Kate presented a very positive outlook of their residence.

Gigi Langhauser arranged our June 13 meeting at Firehouse #1. Dr. John Lee brought his eye testing equipment to check for glaucoma and talked to us about its dangers. Gigi and Barb Reed were our hostesses. We will not have a meeting in July.

Louise Wickline, reporting

Oakley Unit

We did not meet this month. Hopefully, some of us will be able to attend the Macon County Farm Tour on June 21st. Pillowcase sewing day is June 26th at the Extension Office. Our July meeting will be on July 7th at Cheryl Yoder's home and Patty will give the lesson "Vacation/Staycation".

Sandy Severe, reporting

Mt. Zion Unit

The May 24th meeting of our unit was held at 11:30 at Krave's Restaurant in Mt. Zion with Sandy Norris serving as hostess for the day. Eleven members, several of whom had not been to Krave's, had much debate and discussion over what to order for lunch, and especially, what to order for dessert. Everyone was delighted with their choice of lunch and dessert. Ruth Gibson was able to join us later, so we had 12 members in attendance.

MACON COUNTY UNIT NEWS

Following lunch, Vicky Wooten, President, called the business meeting to order. The roll call was answered with a question of "Where would you like to go on vacation?", and there was a wide variety of answers. Minutes of the April meeting were approved as read and the treasurer's report was filed for audit. The 40 year membership award was presented to Pat Parr. Several members also received seals for the volunteer hours for 2016. Items of interest from the County Board meeting included reminders of upcoming lessons, trips, and activities for our members to enjoy.

The lesson about making paper roses was postponed until the June meeting because we were meeting in a public restaurant. Carol Flitz showed several warm hats that she has made on a hand-held loom to be given to the children in the Decatur inner areas. She has made about 30 of these hats on her loom. These looms are available for purchase at Wal-Mart and Joanne's Fabrics. Carol also presented some interesting facts about healthy eating and some new combinations of flavors that we might want to try, particularly when preparing fish as a main course. She gave us several web sites that have dietary guides for today's Americans. She certainly is a multi-talented lady who keeps busy all of the time!

We were saddened to learn that Connie Nickey, one of our members, is very ill and not expected to live more than a few more days. Our deepest sympathy goes to her sister, Nancy Napier, who is also an active member of the our unit, and to Connie's husband, children, and to all who loved her.

The June meeting will be a salad luncheon at 11:30, June 28, at the home of Carol Flitz. Each member is to bring a component to put together a big, luscious salad. Our lesson will be about making paper roses. Come join us. We would love to have you.

Von Gregory, reporting

Maple Grove Unit

April: On April 27, our unit met at the Raspberry Tea Room. There were 17 members present and two guests, Gloria Lowery and Sharon Middleton. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Karen Cahill made a motion and Sharon Gepford seconded the motion to give \$30 to the 4-H for the awards that they give out.

Carol asked for a show of hands of those who would be

attending the Spring Meeting and there will be a good representation of our unit. She assured us that the speaker is really uplifting. A few more people are needed for time slots at the Maker Fest. Call Karen Cahill about time, Carol will be busy with her crew feeding the Master Naturalists on that day.

There was a great turn-out for the last pillowcase sewing day. Due to the number of people who volunteered, 83 pillowcases were made. These are the agencies who benefit from this project: Hopedale Medical Complex, Ronald McDonald House, Kemmerer Village, and Cunningham Children's Home. We are also looking forward to the upcoming lessons on "Staying Young and Fit" and the June 21st Farm Tour.

These are the future meeting dates and hostesses: May 25, Clover Room hosted by Jan Doss and Linda Austin; June 22nd at Imboden Gardens, hosted by Peggy Moffett and Kris Batchelder; and July 27th at Arlington's with a tour of the Dana Thomas House to follow.

May: Our unit met on May 25th in the Clover Room at the Extension Office. There were 19 members present. The pledge and the Homemaker's Aim were said, and the roll call was answered with an antique that you treasure. The minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Carol expressed sympathy to Wilma and Sharon Gepford and to Gloria Lowery for their recent losses. Thanks to Linda and Janet for ordering our food from GFF. We had chicken salad croissants, apple and snicker salad, and carrot cake.

Carol said that she was getting the booklet, "What's On Your Plate?" for us. This booklet was from the meeting on "Staying Young and Fit." She had two hand-outs from the meeting that she attended.

We discussed the upcoming unit and county events. Our next meeting in June will be at Imboden Creek. We will meet at the school parking lot at 11. Be sure to send your reservation to Carol for this event. In July, we will be going to Arlington's for lunch and then to the Dana Thomas House. We adjourned at 1:20.

Pat Bales,



reporting

APRIL MINUTES

Macon County HCE Board Meeting April 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Co-presidents Carol Ropp and Karen Cahill at 1:10 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Homemakers' Aim. Carol read some one-liners that gave us all a chuckle. Roll call showed 8 units present with a total attendance of 12.

The secretary's report was approved as corrected with Linda Hooge moving and Sally Dennis seconding the motion.

Sharon Middleton gave the treasurer's report which was filed for audit. Bills for payment were presented.

Correspondence from 4-H was read. Sally Dennis moved and Sandy Severe seconded that we donate \$90 to them to be used for 6 awards for their members. Motion passed.

Officers' Reports:

Co-presidents: Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp saved comments until old business.

Co-1st Vice President: Anna Belle Farrell reported that the Peoria conference had been very interesting and enjoyable. Linda Hooge reminded members of the coming lessons.

2nd Vice President: Sandy Severe asked for unit reports on the year each member had joined HCE. She is going to send a form to units so that member changes could be kept up-to-date.

Community Outreach, Family Issues and CVH:

Chairman Mary Ann Platt was absent. Karen Cahill reported that she had delivered 39 pillowcases to Ronald McDonald House in Springfield.

Cultural Enrichment: Sally Dennis has talked to all of the units about working on craft items to be displayed at conferences. County member Carol Myers had received a Best of Class award at conference for her afghan. Mary Ann Platt received Best of Class award for her tote bag.

Historian: Karen Halicki continues working on the scrapbooks.

International: Emily Chamberlain reported that copies of information for International Day on September 20 are ready. Emily received a Grand award at the conference for her scrapbook.

Public Relations: Linda Austin was absent but has been working on the news letter. Articles were due today.

Unfinished/Old Business: Master Gardener Training lunches have been served. Maker Fest will be April 29. Our display is titled Flower Fun, and several members have volunteered to help. Master Naturalist lunch is also on the 29th. Proposals for bylaw changes will be printed and handed out at the spring meeting.

New Business: Spring meeting will be on May 3. Pleasant Grove will provide breakfast items. Hickory Pt. will be in charge of name tags and registration. Sharon Middleton will plan table decorations. Sandy Severe will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and Sally Dennis will lead the Homemakers' Aim. Memorial Service will be given by Judy Wilhem. Carol Flitz will give the luncheon prayer. Sandy Severe will introduce new members and give pins for membership longevity. Phyllis Bechtold will be our speaker. She has spent years as a cook on tugboats and is also an author of children's books. Sharon Middleton and Karen Cahill will create a publicity flyer. 50/50 tickets will be sold by Sally Dennis and Anna Belle Farrell. Sally Dennis moved and Linda Hooge seconded that we bring items to donate to Child First. Motion passed. May 2 will be set-up day for the spring meeting. Judy's Kitchen of Cerro Gordo will cater the lunch for \$12. Pillowcase Sewing Day will be April 24, and attendees will bring ingredients for a salad bar. Office rent of \$1500 will be paid in April to Illinois Extension. Sally Dennis moved and Linda Hooge seconded that we donate cookies to the Senior Center for their social on April 29. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Wickline

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MAY MINUTES

Macon County HCE Board Meeting May 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Co-presidents Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp at 1:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and Homemakers' Aim were given. The jokes got us in a good mood before our meeting began. Roll call showed 8 units represented and 14 members present.

The secretary's report was approved as corrected with Linda Hooge moving and Sandy Severe seconding the motion.

The treasurer's report was read and filed for audit. Bills were presented, and Mary Ann Platt moved and Linda Hooge seconded that they be paid.

There was no correspondence.

Officers' Reports:

Co-presidents: Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp asked that a deceased member's unit should write a memorial at the time of the death. Those who died after the spring meeting will be honored at the next spring meeting.

Co-1st Vice Presidents: Anna Belle Farrell and Linda Hooge discussed future lessons. On June 21 at 9 am a bus will leave for the farm tour. Any who want to drive their own cars can meet at the Warrensburg-Latham High School at 9:15. June 26 is the next pillowcase day.

2nd Vice President: Sandy Severe printed a new membership list of our 109 members.

Community Outreach, Family Issues, and CVH:

Mary Ann Platt said many items had been donated for Child First at our spring meeting. Money that was donated will be added to our 50/50 drawing total. We continue to donate pillowcases.

Cultural Enrichment: Sally Dennis is continuing to urge members to submit craft items. The food theme for the fall meeting will be Pumpkin. Sally suggested that a member booklet with pictures would be appreciated.

Historian: Karen Halicki continues working with the many photos from the past and is exploring various computer programs to use to save them.

International: Emily Chamberlain distributed information packets to each unit about the Philippines, our country for International Day.

Public Relations: Linda Austin was absent. Beth Allhands, our advisor, gave suggestions for lessons.

Unfinished Old Business: Karen Cahill reported that 116 people had registered at our booth at the Maker Fest. Children had enjoyed playing with the Moon Sand.

There were 30 meals served for the Master Naturalists luncheon. The spring meeting had been very enjoyable and received positive comments.

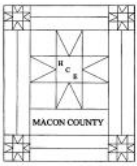
New Business: Linda Hooge will be in charge of the Staying Young and Fit lesson. We will ask to be included with Applebee's Pancake Day breakfast program. Participating organizations get money for each meal served. Sharon Middleton moved that we participate to raise money for our scholarships. Sandy Severe seconded the motion. Motion passed. The county board will be the committee for our 2018 Centennial celebration. May 31 will be Planning Day starting at 9 am. Lunch will be a salad mixture with members bringing ingredients. New shirts and aprons may be chosen later. Sewing Day will be June 26, and 4-H members will be invited to attend from 10-12 am. A maximum of 8 will be accepted. Sharon Middleton asked for help in choosing topics for the state conference lessons, and many were suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Wickline

POPCORN AND BAKE SALE

We will be selling popcorn and baked goods at the Rock Springs Concert series this Sunday, June 25. We are in need of any baked goods that you can donate. The baked goods should be at Rock Springs by 6:15 on Sunday, or at the Extension Office by 4 p.m. on Friday. We will already have the popcorn. Please call Karen or Carol if you can help in any way! Thank you.



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