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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1st is our Fall Meeting. Be sure to RSVP to Sharon Middleton by Wednesday, October 25th, so that we know how many to set up for at the Extension Clover Room. We will be setting up on Tuesday, October 31, at 1 p.m. if you are available to help us. We will be having a "Pumpkin Recipe Contest" if you wish to enter. The entry form is included in this newsletter. If you do not want to enter the contest, or bring any "pumpkin type food", please consider giving a monetary donation to help cover the costs of the paper products, etc. Several Piatt County ladies will be the judges for this contest! It will be a wonderful day, as usual! There will be a donation container for the Macon County Honor Guard. We are again supporting this very hard-working group as they honor the deceased veterans at their funeral services.

HCE dues are due to Sharon Middleton by November 1st. The dues are still \$15.00 and you get to be part of this very friendly and community minded group!

Be sure to turn your membership lists into Sandy Severe as soon as possible.

The Pennies for Friendship are due at the end of October. Each unit should send their money to Sharon Middleton.

Sharon Middleton will be taking pictures for our Membership Directory during HCE week as well as at the Fall Meeting. Bring your best smile with you!

The November 9th program about "New and Unusual Foods" will be presented at the Kroger that is close to the airport. The time is 9:30 to 11:00. This is a change from the program book that you received this year, since the County Market on West Grand Avenue is no longer in operation.

There is a tentative plan for a trip to the Champaign area on December 5. The Piatt Tram has been contacted for transportation for us. Some of the places that we may visit are the Idea Store and the Ten Thousand Villages. We will be getting more information out as soon as possible.

Be sure to get the volunteer hours to Mary Ann Platt by December 31.

IN MEMORY



We were saddened to learn of the death of two of our past members, Mary Eckles, who was instrumental in starting the Pleasant Grove Unit, and Minnie Poll, who served on the County Board for several years. They were very sweet and faithful members and they will be missed.

Upcoming Events

November

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

\$15 HCE Dues are due to Sharon Middleton
1190 Chelsea Way, Decatur, IL. 62526

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Fall Meeting
Registration 9 am - Meeting begins 9:30 am
Please bring Cultural Enrichment items to display.

Friday, November 3, 2017

RSVP for November Lesson

Thursday, November 9, 2017

New & Unusual Foods
9:30 am to 11 am
Kroger at airport plaza

Monday, November 13, 2017

1:00 pm HCE Board Meeting
Extension Office - Clover Room

Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24, 2017

Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

RSVP for December Lesson

Monday, December 11, 2017

Exercise for Balance - Chair Yoga
Taught by Decatur YMCA
9:30 to 11:00 am
Location of lesson is at the Extension Office

Monday, December 11, 2017

1:00 pm HCE Board Meeting
Extension Office - Clover Room
Newsletter items due to Linda Austin
lindaaustin48@gmail.com

Monday, December 25 thru Monday, January 1

Extension Office closed for the Holidays

Friday, December 29, 2017

Volunteer Hours due to Mary Ann Platt

A Note From Our Co-Presidents

Due to the lack of a Farm Progress Show in 2018, we may not have the funds to support our four five hundred dollar scholarships. We continue to try to be creative to find fundraising ideas. We do not have to offer these scholarships. However, education is in our title, so it seems logical that we would support our young people in their educational pursuits. Please be open-minded if we ask for monetary donations for our fund.



KRINGLES ARE COMING!



Place your Kringles orders now for the delivery on November 9th. The deadline for all orders is October 26th. Kringle order forms may be sent by e-mail or USPS mail. I can attach them from my e-mail one4thetrees@comcast.net [or](mailto:one4thetrees@comcast.net) mail a copy to you if you request. The sales profits go to the Macon County Honor Guard. Thank you!

Carol Ropp



Yard Signs

We are pleased to be able to offer our membership the yard signs that say that IAHCE SUPPORTS OUR FIRST RESPONDERS. The cost is only \$6.00 for each sign that you can proudly display in your yard. Let Karen or Carol know if you are interested in purchasing a great sign to display our group's feelings about the people who take care of us, our first responders.

Cultural Enrichment items need to be brought to the Fall Meeting for judging. We are looking forward to seeing what you creative members have been doing!

Please remember to RSVP to ALL Lessons

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Co-President

Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp

Autumn is the party dress Mother Nature dons prior to wrapping herself in white blankets for a long winters' nap. We hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather while it lasts.

This is such a busy time of year for MCHCE members. We hope many of you enjoyed the various activities offered during HCE Week. A week of FUN! Thank you to everyone who taught a lesson or participated.

Our next big event will be the fall meeting. We certainly hope you will be attending this annual function, especially with our new format for the meal and cultural enrichment judging. Our IAHCE president, Jane Chapman, will be attending again this year and installing the officers.

Co - Vice President

Anna Belle Farrell and Linda Hooge

Fall is here, can you believe it? Our September lesson was a trip to Prairie Fire Glass, a professional glass working studio and gallery. Jim Downey, a glass artist, demonstrated how he makes pumpkins from glass crystals and how he adds colors to the glass. The pumpkin he made was beautiful and complete with a green stem. His studio had so many beautiful creations for sale and for us to admire. After the tour, we had a great lunch at the Monarch Brewing Company. It is situated in a one hundred year old church.

November 1st is our Fall Meeting. Please bring a dish to share that has pumpkin as an ingredient in it along with the recipe or if you choose, bring a meat dish in a slow cooker or a crockpot. Don't forget to bring the Cultural Enrichment items you wish to have judged. It will be interesting to see the entries on display and watch the judges choose the winning entries. County Market on West Grand Avenue is the location for our November 9th lesson. We will learn about new and unusual foods. On December 11th, we will be meeting upstairs at the Extension office. Our lesson is "Exercise for Balance - Chair Yoga." This will be taught by the Decatur YMCA. Have you been keeping track of your volunteer hours? It's very important to give these to Mary Ann Platt by December 29th. Macon County can win an award if we have more volunteer hours than the other counties. There are many times you volunteer and don't realize it counts.

We have 25 proposed lessons to vote on for our 20 for programs for 2018. It will be fun to see what the

favorite lessons are. I'm sure we will have many lessons to look forward to in 2018.

Don't forget to invite your friends to the programs and activities and encourage them to join us.

International

Emily Chamberlain

Thank you to all who participated in our International Day program on Wednesday, September 20th. Seventy-one members from Piatt, Macon and DeWitt Counties took part in our event celebrating the country and women of the Philippines. As usual, all of our members did a spectacular job providing the ethnic recipes for the luncheon. Thank you, ladies, for all of your work. I would especially like to thank Peggy Mechling and Diane Dowd for their help behind the scenes.

Next year's International Day has tentatively been set for Wednesday, September 20, 2018. We welcome the ladies of DeWitt County HCE who will be hosting next year's Tri-County program.

Second Vice-President's Report

Sandy Severe

I can't believe it is October already! Where did our summer go? On Saturday, November 4th, at the Forsyth Library from 10 to 12, we will be having a membership event and craft day. We hope to encourage members and prospective members to join us and find out what HCE is all about.

Be sure if you are a second vice president for your unit, that you send me a list of your new members for this year, as well as those who have moved or passed away. I want to make sure that I send the correct numbers to the state for the end of the year. Thank you in advance for your help.

See you at HCE week events!

Historian

Karen Halicki

Keep that History going, ladies! What memories we are making! If you have things from your unit, you can email or mail them to me. I would love to see what you are doing, and so will others, Have a great fall season.



MACON COUNTY UNIT NEWS

Maple Grove Unit

We met at 11:30 on August 24 at Whit's End in Decatur. There were 14 members present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read, with no additions or corrections. The Pennies for Friendship container was passed around during the meeting.

Pam Walker and Pat Bales were recognized as the grandmothers of two of our annual scholarship winners. They thanked us for our contribution.

Gini Smith talked to us about Ageless Aviation Dreams project. She needed volunteers to help register and visit with the families waiting at the airport, and donations of food items to serve them. The work would be divided into two- hour shifts from 8:30 to 4:30 on September 12th and 13th.

Karen Cahill reported on the nicely presented tour of the Northeast Community Fund on August 16th. She also shared a newsletter/flyer that contained facts/ numbers of people served by the fund. There are 22 food places for the needy in Decatur. In regards to the needy in Decatur, the Webster Cantrell Hall has been added to our list of recipients of our pillowcases. There are currently about 40 residents there. We also discussed the program about "Dump Meals", and the fact that a picture and a well-written article by Theresa Churchill was published in the paper.

We were reminded of the upcoming events: International Day registration and program, Sharon Middleton will be taking pictures of individuals for the membership directory in honor of our 100th anniversary in 2018, cleaning cloths will be sold at various HCE functions, and we will be making cards for the veterans from 9 to 11:30 on October 11 in the Clover Room.

Our next scheduled meeting is October 26th at the Decatur Conference coffee shop at 11:30.

Mary Kay Ennis, reporting



Rock Springs Unit

We met on September 13 at Scovill Park and had a picnic. There were seven members present. We each brought a sack lunch and had a very enjoyable meeting. After our meeting, we toured the gardens and viewed many lovely works of art. We even got first-hand information from a man who was currently working on a huge art project.

International Day was a very informative day with many dishes that we got to sample made from recipes from the Philippines. Our next program is at Prairie Fire Glass in Monticello. We plan to carpool from the Extension Office.

Lynn Stevens reported on the many activities that were being held in Decatur during the month of September. She will give us an update on the October activities at our next meeting.

Lois Miller, reporting

Pleasant Grove Unit

September: We met on September 5 at Coz's in Mt. Zion. We had 6 members present. Many were not there due to illness and other issues. Sally reported on the Farm Progress show, and the Northeast Community Center and all the good they do for the community. We discussed the upcoming events, Ageless Aviation Dreams, International Day, and all of the activities for HCE week. She reminded us to RSVP for all of these events. Since there were so few of us, we postponed our trip to the Dove Clothing Room until a later date. We adjourned at noon.

October: Our unit met October 3rd at Coz's in Mt. Zion. There were eight members present. We were happy to see Cheri Wall. Mary Ann opened our meeting with the Homemaker's Aim. Reports were given. All of us filled out the upcoming lesson survey, and paid our dues, which are due November 1st. We elected next year's officers and discussed ideas of places or businesses that we would like to visit.

Many of us remembered Mary Eckles, who passed away September 15th at the age of 95. She joined our unit in 1959. She was a wonderful lady and member.

Alice Bray, reporting

Entry Form for Fall Meeting "Pumpkin Recipe Contest"

Please fill out this entry form and bring it with you to the November 1st Fall Meeting if you wish to enter the "Pumpkin Recipe Contest." Remember to bring your wonderful recipe with you too!!! Use a separate entry form for each item that you enter.

Categories—check the category that you are entering and the name of your recipe

Pumpkin casserole as a main dish _____

Pumpkin cookies _____

Pumpkin muffins or bread _____

Pumpkin cake or cupcakes _____

Pumpkin snack mix _____

Pumpkin pudding _____

Pumpkin soup _____

Pumpkin candy _____

Pumpkin miscellaneous _____

Fold line

Your name _____

Your unit _____

MACON COUNTY UNIT REPORTS

Maroa Patchwork Unit

The Maroa HCE Patchwork unit met September 19 at 5:30 at the new Crawfords restaurant in Maroa. There were 7 members and one guest present. We enjoyed a nice dinner together. Karen Halicki handed out some great soup recipes that were given at a previous county meeting. She also talked about the different activities being offered during HCE Week which is October 9 to the 13th. It sounds like a fun week! We are on the lookout for a new president for our unit. Ruth Darelus, our previous president, is headed for a trip of a lifetime. She and her husband Al will be sailing their boat to many exciting places. We wish them the best. She will be missed. After dinner, we went to the Maroa library to work on our poster for International Day. Our country of study was the Philippines. We had a good time cutting and pasting. Several members plan to prepare a dish to share. Karen and Janice Leach will display our project at International Day on September 20th at the Extension Office.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 17th at 5:30. We will meet at Crawfords for dinner. New prospective members are always welcome!

Cindy Hoffman, reporting

Oakley Unit

Three of our members attended International Day on September 20. Lots of fun and interesting food was served on that day, as well as informative facts about the Philippines. We will not have a unit meeting in October. We will be attending the HCE week activities. Be sure to get your dues into Sharon Middleton by the Fall Meeting.

Sandy Severe, reporting

Hickory Point Unit

We met at the home of Louise Wickline on September 12. We welcomed Sue Goodpaster, who spoke to us about her recent trip to the South Pacific Islands. She flew 8 ½ hours from Los Angeles to her destination where she boarded the cruise liner, Paul Gaugin, to visit several islands. She toured Huhini Cook, Aitutaki, Aitutaki, Taha'a, Bora Bora, Moorea, and Tahiti that were all beautiful lush islands. We were all ready to catch a flight to see these exotic places after Sue did such a great job of describing her trip.

Our chairman, Barb Reed, welcomed our guest, Terri Miller. We had our business meeting and were

reminded to pay our dues for next year. We will not have a unit meeting in October, but we will be attending the activities for HCE week. Our next meeting will be at the home of Merrill Dees on November 14. We had good conversations as we enjoyed orange cake and sherbet punch prepared by Louise and Mary Beth Wickline.

Louise Wickline, reporting

Mt Zion Unit

We did something very special Tuesday, August 29, when we met at the Raspberry Tea Room in Elwin. We celebrated Erma Sutton's 88th birthday. Erma joined Home Bureau or HCE as we know it, in June, 1957. She has kept many newspaper articles and other memorabilia during her many years as a member of this organization. We were pleased to share this day with Erma and honor this gentle, lovely lady on her birthday.

Thirteen members of our unit gathered in the lovely room at the front of the Mt. Zion library on September 27. Nola Robinson was our hostess for the day and set a beautiful table, to help us realize that fall weather was on its way. Our roll call was about the country you would like to visit, which provided many different answers. Carol shared items from the Board meeting, including the good news that Vivian Reynold's granddaughter was one of the scholarship winners. The \$391.00 that our unit made this summer from selling refreshments at the Rock Springs Conservation Center was well worth our effort and we had fun doing it. Vonn Gregory shared the display board on the Philippines that she had created for International Day, and then told us about the experiences her son, Nathan, had when he spent five weeks living with a Philippine family while doing an internship during his years as a student at Judson University in Elgin, Illinois. For our October meeting, our members will attend the HCE week sessions, have lunch and a short business meeting on Tuesday, October 10. Come join us.

Vonn Gregory, reporting

Fall Funny

My grandma always say that she never gets any phone calls. So, for her birthday, I put one of those "How's my driving?" bumper stickers on her car. The phone is pretty much ringing off the hook now.

AUGUST MINUTES

Co-presidents Carol Ropp and Karen Cahill called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Homemakers' Pledge. Carol entertained us with a joke. Roll call showed 8 units represented and 14 members present.

The secretary's report was read. Sandy Severe moved and Sharon Middleton seconded that it be accepted. Motion carried.

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

Officers' Reports:

Co-presidents: Karen Cahill suggested that Cassandra Cook, HCE grant recipient, be asked to speak to us about her study in Costa Rica. Karen Halicki moved and Mary Ann Platt seconded that three boxes of window cleaning cloths be purchased for resale of \$5.00 each. Motion passed. Pictures will be taken at future meetings to be used in the directory. Karen Halicki moved and Sharon Middleton seconded that Macon county complete books and point sheets but not for consideration for county of the year. Motion passed.

Co-1st Vice Presidents: Anna Belle Farrell & Linda Hooge reminded us to sign up for future lessons.

2nd Vice President: Sandy Severe reported that 2 new members had joined at the recent Dump Meal lesson giving us 111 members.

Community and Family Issues and CVH: Mary Ann Platt reported that pillowcases will also be sent to children at Webster-Cantrell Hall. Gini Smith was also present to give information about the September 12 and 13 flight of the Stearman biplane. Veterans will be given free rides those days. Mary Ann Platt moved and Linda Hooge seconded that our group volunteer to serve light refreshments those days 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Motion passed.

Cultural Enrichment: Sally Dennis reminded us of the pumpkin theme for the fall meeting lunch. Sally will be needing donations of buttons for her lesson on October 12.

Historian: Karen Halicki asked for newspaper articles and pictures of our activities be given to her.

International: Emily Chamberlain was absent.

Public Relations: Linda Austin said the newsletter articles were due today to be published in the September-October newsletter.

Unfinished/Old Business: Fabric cutting morning is

September 11. Lunch will be ordered from Jimmy John's. The Rock Springs concert food sales organized by Carol Flitz made \$381.50. Members are needed to sign up to work at the Farm Progress Show.

New Business: A tour of the Northeast Community Fund will be August 16. A luncheon for our 100th anniversary was discussed, and various fund raisers were suggested. Aprons and new shirts are being considered. Five scholarships have been given, and the names will be in the newsletter. Emergency information was brought up-to-date. Craft day will be on November 4, 10-11:30 am at the Forsyth Library. Beth Allhands, our advisor, greeted us.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Louise Wickline

Community Issues/Family Issues/CVH

Mary Ann Platt

We continue to enjoy our sewing days when we work on pillowcases. Please consider joining us on those days next year when we make more pillowcases. In 2016, we made and donated 202, and in 2017, we completed and donated 284. Awesome increase!! Thank you.

On September 12th and 13th, we provided water, tea and snacks for the veterans and their families while they waited for their veteran to have their ride for "Ageless Aviation". There were nine rides provided for veterans during those two days. Each ride lasted about 15 minutes. The expressions on the faces of the men was so heartwarming. These free rides were a wonderful way to thank these men for their service to our country.

On Monday, October 9, fourteen members and one grandchild made thirty-nine cards for the veterans who reside in the local nursing homes.

Please remember to keep track of your volunteer hours. The hours need to be divided into the categories HCE hours, and other hours. The other hours can include time that you volunteer with any organization, excluding your family. This could be school, church, animal shelters, Meals on Wheels, etc. I need those hours by December 31, 2017. Please send the information to me, Mary Ann Platt, 3614 Harry Land Rd, Decatur, 62521, or email me at maryannia@aol.com, or text me at 217-454-5835. Our goal is 100% reporting this year!!! We can do it!

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Macon County HCE Board Meeting September 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 by our Co-presidents Carol Ropp and Karen Cahill. There were 8 units represented with 13 members present. Carol shared a joke with us.

The secretary's report was read. Sally Dennis moved and Linda Hooge seconded that it be approved. Motion passed.

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

Correspondence from 4-H members and scholarship recipients was shared.

Officers' Reports:

Co-President: Karen Cahill reported that the window cleaning cloths had been received and were for sale for \$5.00.

Co-1st Vice President: Anna Belle Farrell said the choice list for the 2018 lessons was being distributed to the units. Linda Hooge listed future interesting lessons.

2nd Vice President: Sandy Severe stated our membership remained at 111 members.

Community and Family Issues and CVH: Mary Ann Platt said she had volunteers for the Stearman flight days the 12th and 13th. Sixty pillowcases were cut out and are ready to sew on September 25.

Cultural Enrichment: Sally Dennis said she needed orange, red, purple, and white buttons of varied sizes for the October 12 lesson.

Historian: Karen Halicki continues working on books and needs pictures.

International: Emily Chamberlain was absent but had reported that members were contributing various foods for International Day.

Public Relations: Linda Austin said the next newsletter date is October 9.

Unfinished/Old Business: There were several new ideas presented at the District meeting. The visit to the Northeast Community Fund was very informative, and we were impressed with their services. Aprons and shirts are being planned for our Centennial.

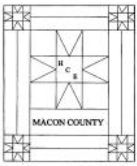
New Business: The Farm Progress Show went very well. International Day will be on September 20. Pillowcase Sewing day will be September 25. There will be a carpool at 8:30 am to go to the Prairie Fire Glass shop in Monticello on September 28. HCE week will have many activities. The Tuesday and Thursday lunches will be catered by God, Family and Friends Catering. Sharon Middleton moved and Linda Hooge seconded that the raptor class on October 9 be canceled and Cards for Veterans be scheduled for that date. Motion passed. Christmas Craft project led by Sharon Middleton will be on October 10. Sally Dennis will take us on Safari on October 12 and will teach button art in the afternoon. Friday the 13th will be the visit to the Central Illinois Food Bank in Springfield. Members who attend should bring a canned food donation. Lunch will be at the Golden Corral. Fall meeting set-up date is October 31st at 1 pm. The meeting is on November 1. Maple Grove will bring breakfast items, and Mt. Zion will make name tags. Sharon Middleton and Linda Austin are arranging a craft program at the Forsyth library on November 4. The nominating committee of Sandy Severe, Louise Wickline, and Mary Ann Platt was appointed. 2nd vice president, secretary, and International Chairman positions must be filled.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Louise Wickline

Oops!

I made a mistake! When I typed the program choices, I left out three that Karen had sent to me as an addition. We will just add them into the new programs. Two years ago we said we would always have February as our "safety" month. We will have law officers come to talk with us about current scams and things to avoid in February. She had also given an idea for "Salad in a Jar" which she will do sometime during the year. The third item was "25 Documents You Need To Have Before You Die." They will be incorporated a few at a time in the 2018 newsletters.

I'm sorry for the mistake!
Carol Ropp



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