



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

Donations for Operation Enduring Support

To continue our celebration of 100 years of MCHCE, we are planning to collect 100 various items each month for the next year to donate to the troops. If everyone donates just one item each month we will make our goal. You can collect the items at your monthly meetings and then get them to the extension office where we will have a box.

Remember NO LARGE SIZES as they are too costly to mail.

- September:** Hard candy and gum
- October:** Slim Jims/Beef Jerky
- November:** Razors and Women’s Personal Hygiene Products
- December:** Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- January:** Hand Warmers
- February:** Granola bars
- March:** Puzzles, Game Books, Playing Cards
- April:** Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers
- May:** Individual Powdered Drink Mixes
- June:** Body Washes, Shampoos, Deodorant (No large sizes)
- July:** Chap stick, Moisturizers
- August:** Individually packaged Wet Wipes

REMINDER!!!

Since we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of MCHCE, and the 200th anniversary of Illinois at our Fall Meeting, we hope that you will wear red, white, and blue if that is



available in your wardrobe. Even though the meeting is on Halloween, we will be decorating our room in a very patriotic theme. We hope to see you there for a day of celebration with delicious foods made with cherries, our craft sale, a wonderful speaker, and making memories with old and new friends.

Cultural Enrichment judging will all be done at the Fall Meeting, as well as the Chinese auction.



Yes, it is closer than you think! Our membership dues are due by November 1, 2018 to Sharon Middleton, MC Treasurer, along with your unit membership list, address, telephone number and e-mail (if available). Also include your officers for this coming year (even if they are the same as this past year).

As you remember, it was voted on to change our dues to \$18 yearly. One hundred years ago it was \$5 making our current cost very reasonable! Look through your Program Booklet to see what all has been available to us and only for \$18!

At least two new members joined during HCE Week. While out and about, talk with neighbors, friends, relatives, even strangers and invite them to one of our lessons or outings. New members will keep us going for the next 100 years.

Upcoming Events

November

Thursday, November 1, 2018
\$18 HCE Dues are due to Sharon Middleton
1190 Chelsea Way, Decatur, IL. 62526

Thursday, November 8, 2018
RSVP for November Lesson

Monday, November 12, 2018
1:00 pm HCE Board Meeting
Extension Office—Clover Room

Thursday, November 15, 2018
Tortillas
9:30 am to 11:00 am
Extension Office—Clover Room

Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 23, 2018
Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 28, 2018
RSVP for December lesson.

December

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Christmas Flower Arranging
9:30 am to 11:00 am
Candice Hart, University of Illinois Extension
Clover Room

Monday, December 10, 2018
1:00 om HCE Board Meeting
Extension Office - Clover Room
Newsletter items due to Linda Austin
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**Friday, December 24, 2018 thru
Tuesday, January 1, 2019**
Extension Office Closed

Friday, December 28, 2018
Volunteer Hours due to Bonnie Lanham

Mark Your Calendars

We have a special invitation to tour the new Police Academy on January 15th at 10:00 A.M. Please let the Extension Office know by January 9th if you are able to attend. It should be very interesting.

We Need Your Help!!!

At one of the pillowcase sewing events in February or April, Sally Dennis had brought her camera to take pictures of the finished products. The camera disappeared, and Sally would very much like to have it back. It has many memorable pictures from her travels on it. If you have seen it, please let Sally know.



Description: Red Cannon,
40x Optical Zoom, SX720HS

Advice From a Pumpkin

Be well rounded

Get plenty of sunshine
Give thanks for life's bounty
Have a thick skin
Keep growing
Be outstanding in your field
Think Big!



By Ilan Shamir

APRONS

Linda Hooge

Fifteen aprons have been purchased and seven aprons are now ordered to commemorate the 100th anniversary of MCHCE. The aprons are red with beige lettering and sell for \$20.00. If you would like to purchase a commemorative apron, I have order forms available.

SHIRTS

Linda Hooge

I have two shirts, size XL, that are still for sale. The cost is \$25.00 each. If you would like to purchase a shirt in a different size, I can take orders for them as well. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Check out our Websites!

Macon County HCE at www.mchce.org

IAHCE at www.iahce.org

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Co-President

Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp

Even though we enjoy all four seasons, Carol and I LOVE fall so.....here's a saying for you. There are two times of year: autumn and waiting for autumn. Hope yours is special!

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 fun format for the meal and cultural enrichment judging. Our guest speaker will be Mary Johnson from District IV. She was an IAHCCE exchange representative to the Baltic States. Some of us heard her speak at the March conference. What a fun, energetic, dynamic speaker! You won't want to miss her!

We will be having the homemade craft sale again. Please donate your items if you have time to make some so others may do a bit of Christmas shopping and we can earn some money for our treasury. Remember that we will be decorating with red, white and blue even though it will be Halloween.

Well the rainy weather couldn't dampen our spirits on September 8 as we celebrated MCHCE's centennial at the Decatur Club. Eighty members and guests had a wonderful time listening to entertainment by Michael Scherer as well as the Harmony Guaranteed Barbershop Quartet. The serenade to Sally "Lou" Dennis was priceless. We heard words of wisdom from Paul Osborne, several HCE officers, and the most memorable was from Mindy Peterson-Lindsey with the A-Z's of HCE.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the planning, set-up, tear down and participation for such a big event. The patriotic red, white and blue decorations were beautiful. We hope you agree with us that it was memorable day.

Remember that your dues of \$18 are to be mailed to Sharon Middleton by November 1. One hundred years ago the dues were \$5.00 a year. I'm sure the ladies thought they were getting a great deal for their money, and in those days that WAS a lot of money. Based on inflation prices, to compare that \$5.00 cost to today's prices, your dues would be **\$71.25** a year. SO, if you are ever in the mood to complain about the price of your Macon County HCE dues, we hope you feel AND realize you are getting a WONDERFUL bargain. We strive to give you quality

educational programs and experiences as well as unique ways to volunteer and serve our community.

If you enjoyed the beautiful, delicious cake at the celebration and need one for your personal needs, the contact information for our cake lady is Eleanor Marshall of Kirksville. 217-853-9696 elm1152@live.com Leave her a message since she has a job outside of the home and does this on the side. She also does text messaging.

1 st Vice President

Linda Hooge

Where did summer go? It's been a very busy summer and now we can enjoy fall. We have had several wonderful programs this summer, and we are looking forward to our fall programs.

Our July lesson, "Cooking for One or Two", gave us some great ideas and recipes. So many of us found this very helpful. Mary Ann Platt did an excellent presentation. Carol Ropp and Sharon Middleton demonstrated how to use several small kitchen appliances for our August program. We had some very delicious samples of the food that they made. They also handed out recipes. While talking to some of that ladies that attended the class at a later date, I discovered that they had also purchased some of the new appliances that were demonstrated! Good job, Sharon and Carol!

Many of us attended the Decatur City Council meeting to support Karen Halicki, as she asked for a proclamation honoring MCHCE for 100 years of service and education. Mayor Julie Moore-Wolfe signed the proclamation and September 8, 2018, was proclaimed as Macon County Association for Home and Community Education day. Karen did a great job of reading the proclamation.

The Macon County HCE 100th year celebration at the Decatur Club was a huge success. So many people worked hard to make it the success that it was! The Decatur Club provided us with delicious food and wonderful service. The entertainment was very enjoyable. Michael Scherer played the piano for the first thirty minutes as people were coming in. The "Harmony Guaranteed Quartet" sang some songs for us, and then we got to join in on some of them. Sally Dennis even had a special song sung to her. Paul Osborne was so interesting as he spoke about the history of Decatur, as well as some other observances. It was very moving to see the over 50 year members honored for helping to make HCE the wonderful organization it is today. The following ladies were honored and given flowers: Barbara Current,

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Wilma Gepford, Gloria Leonard, Erma Sutton, Jeannine Freyling, Dorothy Abert, Alice Bray, Betty Trebacz, and Rosemary Knap.

September 19th was our International Day Event. The DeWitt County Extension did an amazing job of organizing it. We all tasted food that the Australians eat and we learned all about the country of Australia.

HCE Week will be very educational and fun. We have some great lessons planned.

Don't forget that November 1st our membership dues are due. Please send your \$18.00 check to Sharon Middleton at 1190 Chelsea Way, Decatur, Illinois 62526.

November 15th is a lesson about tortillas. On December 5th, we will learn about Christmas flower arranging. Volunteer hours are due by December 28th to Bonnie Lanham or you can give them to your unit president to report to Bonnie.

Don't forget to RSVP for all of the programs, and call the Home Extension Office if you are unable to attend.

Enjoy all of the beautiful colors of fall!!!

Second Vice President's Report

Bonnie Lanham

I hope everyone enjoyed the 100th Year Celebration. We are a strong group of ladies and gentlemen and our ability to adapt has let us survive 100 years. I hope that you are all keeping track of your monthly membership attendance. If you need the forms, let me know. Before the end of the year, I need a report from all 2nd vice-chairpersons of regular members, new members attendance, and of those who have passed away. I was in charge of the bake sale at Richland for Nick Walsh's Vietnam movie and we did very well. I want to thank all of you who helped in one way or another. I think that I have all of the pins I need to catch everyone up to current status. I will hand them out at the Fall Meeting. If I did not contact you and you believe that you have earned a pin, call me. Also, don't forget to send me your volunteer hours this year. We have 117 members thus far. Keep trying for new ones!

Cultural Enrichment

Sally Dennis

I hope everyone has had a fun and safe summer. I also hope that all of you are having a safe harvest time. Now, with fall in the air, it is time for our Fall Meeting with our potluck dishes that have cherries in them. Be sure to have your recipe ready to put by your dish. Meat dishes do not have to have cherries in them unless you want to put them in. Several people have said that they have found meat recipes with cherries in them. If you do not want to bring a dish, please consider a donation for the paper products that will have to be purchased for this event.

Your crafty Cultural Enrichment items are to be brought to this meeting as well. We will have independent judges for the food and Cultural Enrichment items. Then our members will pick the top 8 items to go to the State Conference in Effingham in March. Hope to see everyone on October 31.

International

Donna Washburn

I hope everyone enjoyed their "visit" to Australia in September at International Day! I've heard several positive comment from Macon County members and I welcome suggestions, comments, and constructive criticism. Next year will be Macon County's turn to host and "wheels are ah-turnin" already with ideas, so don't wait very long if you have something to share with me. The surveys that were done by DeWitt County at International Day showed a very positive feedback, so maybe with a few tweaks, we will follow that format for the next year. Speaking of next year, we will be studying INDIA! This country is so very diverse; different languages, customs, religions, classes of "Haves and Have Nots" etc. I'm wondering what holds it all together as a country! We have a lot to learn about the rest of the world. As one of India's well-known citizens once said, "You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist." (India Ghandi, press conference 1971)

Notes: Pennies For Friendship is now called Friendship Projects Fund

Since 25% of the funds stay in Illinois, IAHCE legally had to create a new name. Fifty percent goes to ACWW, 25% goes to IAHCE to provide membership a chance to participate in an International Exchange. If the 25% is not used, it also goes to ACWW for projects. Any monies collected should be turned into Sharon Middleton by November 1 so she can forward it to the state.

MACON COUNTY NEWS

Zero Hunger Challenge was initiated by the UN in 2012. Illinois Association for HCE (IAHCE) is a member organization of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) and County Women's Council, USA., which have accepted the U.N. Challenge.

If you have any questions, contact me and I will find you answers.

Community Outreach/Family Issues/CVH

Mary Ann Platt

I hope that everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather. I am so glad that it has finally arrived.

Ann Irwin was our guest speaker at our Spring Meeting. She spoke about Operation Enduring Support, a local group that sends boxes to active Macon County soldiers who are serving overseas. We decided that this was a perfect fit for our outreach. A list of needed items is listed in this newsletter. So far, we have collected: razors (15 male and 19 female), 2 bags of hard candy, 48 new Bic pins, 5 new mechanical pencils, 2 decks of playing cards, 3 packages of gum, 4 hand warmers, 20 notepads from hotels, 170 greeting cards (a variety), and 2 ladies' deodorants. As I gathered things to donate, I tried to imagine what might make my child's life better if he/she were the deployed soldier. Boxes will be sent in November or December in time for Christmas. Please bring contributions to our Fall Meeting. If your unit would like to contribute for the postage, please bring that donation to the Fall Meeting too. Several units have already done that. We Support our Troops!!!!

Rock Springs Unit

Our unit met on September 12th at the Four Star Diner in Mt. Zion. We had 7 members in attendance. Bonnie Lanham read the minutes and the financial report from Linda Hooge who was not able to be there. HCE week starts Monday, October 8th. We were reminded that reservations need to be called in by October 1. We were also reminded about the Bread Monk who will be at St. Patrick's Church on October 16 in Champaign. The next meeting will be on October 10th at Lois Miller's house at 1 p.m. Come and join us.

Lois Miller, reporting

Mt. Zion

August—Nine members of the Mt. Zion unit met at the Mari-Mann Herb Farm on August 22, at 12:00. Mike King and his wife, Liz, were our hosts for the day. Liz served Lavender Lemonade, iced tea and water to each guest,

along with the appetizer dips from the Wind Willow mixes, veggie and rice chips, and a variety of other goodies. Mike gave a most interesting presentation of the results of research concerning the need for vitamins, minerals and other components to keep our bodies healthy.

During Mike's presentation, we feasted on the beautiful and delicious crepe sandwich that Liz had prepared. As a culmination of the program, Mike showed a video of his late mother, Maribeth King, who started the company and answered questions from those in attendance. After a short business meeting, most of us made our way to the shop on the hill, and were almost overwhelmed by all of the available products. Among us, we purchased several different items—everything from vitamins to peppermint rocks to keep mice out of the home. We left Mari Mann Herb Farm with greater knowledge of what our bodies need to keep us active, healthy and happy.

September—Fourteen members of the Mt. Zion unit gathered in one of the rooms at the Antioch Christian Church at 1 p.m. on September 26. Our roll call was a country that you would like to visit and it brought many interesting answers. We voted to issue a check to the Antioch Church in appreciation for letting our unit meet there several months this year. We had wonderful reports about the 100 Year Celebration, the concessions at the Rock Springs Concerts, the Bread Monk presentation, and the small appliance lesson. We are looking forward to all of the good lessons during HCE week.

Von Gregory brought the display board about South Australia and shared more general information about both Australia and South Australia that she would not have time to present at International Day. She read a portion of a children's book, "Are We There Yet?", written by Alison Lester, in which a family takes a journey around Australia. This book is a delightful overview of all of Australia. Following the lesson, our hostess, Pat Malloy, served a delicious pumpkin dessert with lots of other goodies on beautiful fall plates, cups, and napkins that certainly put us in the mood for the pretty colors of fall.

The October 24th unit meeting will be held at Antioch Christian Church at 1:00. We will have a guest speaker from the Good Samaritan Inn as well as review all of the good lessons from HCE week. Hope that you can join us!

Von Gregory, reporting

MACON COUNTY UNIT MINUTES

Maple Grove Unit

On September 27, fourteen of our members met at the Decatur Club. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Homemaker's Aim, Carol Ropp had a joke for us to begin our meeting. The minutes of last meeting were read, approved and treasurer's report was given. There is a challenge introduced by Jane Chapman, to fill a small bottle with dimes. We decided, upon a motion by Sharon Gepford and seconded by Beverly Carmean, to donate \$50 from our treasury to this cause entitled "Zero Hunger Challenge". The motion carried by unanimous vote.

We reviewed all the activities available at HCE week. We were reminded of the Fall Meeting, on October 31, the theme will be using cherries in our menu items. There will be no Fall Kringle sales this year, but the donations collected at the Fall Meeting will go towards the Macon County Honor Guard, the usual recipients of the Kringle profits.

On Monday, September 24, fifty more pillowcases were made. The board has decided to continue the selling of concessions at the Rock Springs Concerts next year. We will not offer pop, but will sell water. It was reported that we made \$82 on the concert that we worked at this year. Each unit will take a turn selling next year. There will be no meeting in October, but our next meeting will be November 14, and our Christmas meeting/dinner will be December 12.

Mary Kay Ennis, reporting



LAUGHTER TRULY IS THE BEST MEDICINE

This was submitted by Carol Ropp who read it in the Decatur Tribune. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did!

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."

Then He made the earth round, and He laughed and laughed and laughed.

DID YOU KNOW?

I thought that I would share some of the facts that I found as I searched the Internet about our 200th anniversary of our great state of Illinois. I have lived here most of my life and I found these interesting facts. Illinois is where the nation's greatest rivers meet and where the largest Native American city once thrived.

The most trains cross and daily flights soar in the air in Illinois.

Sound movies began here.

A nuclear chain reaction was first controlled in Illinois.

The first transistor gave rise to the computer age in our state.

Illinois is the place where the biggest fair in our nation's history was held.

The mail order catalog and the warehouse of goods behind it got its start here in Illinois.

More than a quarter million men who volunteered to fight to end slavery and save our great Union were from our state.

The theory of superconductivity was developed in Illinois.

According to the article, the biggest restaurant company, the biggest makers of mining equipment, aircraft, and tractors are based. The nation's biggest plant that helped make the world safe for democracy was born here.

While we hear disturbing news about our state in the media, we have a lot to be proud of and I hope that we can continue to be #ILLINOISPROUD.

Evolution of Our Name

- ◆ Macon County Home Bureau
- ◆ Macon County Home Extension
- ◆ Macon County Homemakers Education Association
- ◆ Macon County Association for Home and Community Education

A Wonderful Opportunity!!!

At the Fall Meeting, you will have an opportunity to purchase the 100th Celebration booklet that was researched, typed and illustrated by our own Karen Halicki, Carol Ropp and Sharon Middleton. They spent many hours compiling this commemorative book and it is a treasure and wealth of MCHCE history. The cost will be \$5 that covers the cost of printing it. If you are interested in a copy, please contact Karen Cahill or Carol Ropp.

**Please! RSVP for all HCE Lessons
and events. Call 877-6042.**

MACON COUNTY UNIT MINUTES

Macon County HCE Meeting
September 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp. We said the Pledge of Allegiance and the Homemakers' Aim. Karen led us off with the joke of the day.

Present: Linda Austin, Karen Cahill, Sally Dennis, Anna Belle Farrell, Karen Halicki, Bonnie Lanham, Sharon Middleton, Carol Ropp, Sandy Severe, Pam Walker, Donna Washburn, Sharon Kelley and Barbara Abbott.

Those absent: Linda Hooge and Mary Ann Platt. Thirteen members were in attendance; eight units represented.

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed, and corrections made. Motion to approve by Donna Washburn, second by Sally Dennis.

Treasurer's Report was given by Sharon Middleton with Karen Cahill turning in a receipt for vases for the 100 Celebration. It was noted that the Bread Monk and the 100 Celebration was able to come out in the black for both events. Report filed for audit.

Correspondence: A note was received thanking HCE for the Bread Monk event.

Co-Presidents: Karen Cahill & Carol Ropp
There was some discussion on the number of reservations that were made for our Centennial Celebration and whether or not people who made reservations and did not show up would be charged for the event.

1st Vice President: Linda Hooge – absent

2nd Vice President: Bonnie Lanham
As of today, we now have 117 members.

Community & Family Issues and CVH: Mary Ann Platt – absent

Cultural Enrichment: Sally Dennis reminded everyone to keep working on your projects for Fall Meeting. Remember cherries will be the center of your dish for the potluck at Fall Meeting.

Historian: Karen Halicki reminded us to keep sending in pictures and taking pictures throughout the year.

International: Donna Washburn stated that Debbie Bates needs a head count by Sept. 12th for International Day and they are needing a mic for the presentations.

Public Relations: Linda Austin stated Paul Osborne will be running an article and photos in the Tribune of the Centennial Celebration. Newsletter is due October 8th.

Beth Allhands: absent

Unfinished Business;

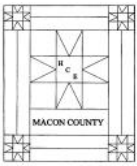
Karen Cahill remarked the Bread Monk will be in Urbana, October 6th, doors open at 9:30 a.m.; program begins at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 708 W. Main Street for a "free" event. Ballots are due September 19th for lessons next year. The nominating committee is working on Board Members for next year. Centennial Celebration was a wonderful success with only praises to be had. International Day is right around the corner and all plans are in place.

New Business:

We will be serving refreshments for the Vietnam War Movie at Richland Sept. 14 & 15th and Sept. 28 and 29th outside of the theatre. Charge of movie is \$10.00 donation and will be shown at 6:00 p.m. Pillowcase day is September 24th and we will call in our lunch order. HCE week is fast approaching starting with "Salad in a Jar" upstairs on Oct. 8th at 9:30 am. Be sure to get your reservations in for all of lessons or pick and choose those that fit your schedule. There is a trip scheduled for Friday Oct. 12 to Prairie Gardens, IDEA Store, lunch in Bevier Hall and final stop at Cunningham Children's Home. Kathleen Emery will be installing the new officers at the Fall Meeting. Speaker for the Fall Meeting will be "Help for Heroes". We discussed purchasing our own microphone for our events, motion made by Bonnie Lanham to purchase and Sally Dennis seconded. Be sure to bring your items for the Veterans. Hard candy and gum are September item and Slim Jim's and Beef Jerky are the items for October.

Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Severe and Pam Walker, Co-Secretaries



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