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## 2014 State Displays

### Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council



The Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council celebrating 102 years of existence this year reports 369 Clubs, with 4,514 members as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

556,766 volunteers hours were reported when dues were turned in July, 1, 2013.

Project books for 2014 totaled \$1,090.

Our Scholarships – The Dr. Lynn Russell; 4-H Scholarship; Mini Grant's and County Agents fund totaled \$5,000.

This years' annual meeting "Celebrating Our Members" held on June 3-5 at Hot Springs at the Hot Spring Convention with approximately 475 members attending. In 2013 and 2014 we had Red T-Shirt Day celebrating the AEHC Program and spotlighting our members. This was very successful.

Our Cultural Arts Exhibits was lap robes for UAMS patients and a contest was held for different divisions were: hand quilted, machine quilted, crocheted or knitted. Members voted on the best entries.

Fifty, sixty, seventy years and above members were recognized with pins, certificates and an American Flag.

On Thursday Morning, Dr. Jonathan Curtis, spoke about the "Magic of Leadership", our new officers were installed by Dr. Anne Sortor, Associate Director-Family and Consumer Science and 4-H Youth Development, U of A Division of Agriculture, Research and Extension.

Ninety five persons were on the Memorial List Service, that was held on Thursday morning (these are members who have passed away within the past year).

Eighty four project books (a record number) were turned in this year with projects ranging in many subjects: Veterans, Children's well being and shelters, honoring members, who are in Nursing Homes, senior's health fairs, Quilts of Valor, Food Pantries, items for Arkansas Children's Hospital (caps, blankets, etc.), Sharing and Caring, backpack programs (to feed children) as well as many, many other projects.

The ladies and gentlemen of the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council are very caring, and active individuals, who feel responsible for the welfare of their communities.

### **Illinois Association for Home and Community Education**



IAHCE is celebrating our 90th year during 2014. It certainly was a great theme the conference chairs selected - "Been Cookin' for 90 Years". We had a share shop presented by Joan McEachern and Carol Whitcomb on the history of IAHCE. The conference chairs also decided they wanted to put together a new cookbook to celebrate. They have recipes and history from each of the 76 HCE counties in Illinois. Sold out of cookbooks within 3 months!

I was fortunate enough to represent IAHCE at the ACWW Triennial last September, 2013 in Chennai, India. What an experience to meet women from all over the world and hear about their lives in their country. Just to be part of an organization working tirelessly to better the lives of women all over the world was inspiring.

Last August, Sharon Middleton and I prepared a demonstration of the water filter with a bucket, dirt and the filter as we traveled to our District Workshops. I was chosen to drink the water each time, imagine that. Everyone seeing this demonstration was so moved to help that the members began doing many different activities to raise money. One county had a Dairy Queen fundraiser which netted 10% of sales that night and still has container in Dairy Queen as ongoing collection; had a Make it, bake it, sew it or grow it auction; had a bake sale and Attic treasures sale; sold tickets on desserts at annual meeting; letters were written to local businesses and associations; set out cans for collections at county meetings; made aprons to sell; did demonstrations to local clubs; made centerpieces and held an auction; part of profits from lemon shakeups stand shared; memorials for deceased members and loved ones; and members, units and county boards also made monetary donations. The total raised for the Water For All project is \$8,092.54.

Just to let you know some of the other volunteer projects that the members of IAHCE have done last year but by no means all of them. Some of the projects are: 170 Linus blankets; 159 autistic blankets; 46 baby quilts, For our veterans: 58 stockings, 20 crocheted slippers, 1000 Christmas Cards sent; quarters, 45 Valentines, 52 clothing items, comforters, 8 Quilts of Valor, fundraiser for honor flights. For our troops, 30,000 coupons, 600 toiletries, 2,246 assorted items, 156 Neck Gaiters, 20 crocheted slippers, 98 cards. Dresses for African girls 118 and 14 shorts for boys, box top and labels-3,689 plus many others, 32 Toys for Tots; 104,178 postage stamps; 100 Care Bears for hospital; 234 Wheelchair caddies; 196 catheter bag covers, 105 cancer caps, 541 Dining shawls, 40 turbans for hospice, 61 lap robes, 13 prayer shawls, 404 cough pillows, 126 cancer underarm pillows, 30 cancer dignity robes. Bears

for hospital, 185 premie caps, 18 crocheted blankets for homeless shelters. 5 boxes of school supplies for county schools. Many donated food and money to food pantries, made tray favors for nursing home, served meals at Ronald McDonald house and so many other projects.

I believe this report tells of the generosity of the members of IAHCE to their communities and the world. This organization is full of very caring people who care for their members, families, communities and world.

### **Indiana Extension Homemakers Association**



“Encouraging Families Strengthening Homes” had been the theme of Joanna Sell, the 2013-2014 Indiana Extension Homemakers Association (IEHA) State President. Our year began with ten Fall District Meetings across the state. Our leadership lesson at those meetings was “What Motives You?” This lesson challenged the membership by having them move to a specified area in the room that best describes their motivational, leadership factors, and skills that were mentioned. We also received information from the Family Nutrition Program Specialists in each district. They shared some of their programs and how the Extension Homemakers can partner with them to help in the education of their clients.

The ten Spring District Meetings were highlighted with having directors and teachers from the Head State Facilities from around the state. We learned more about Head Start and how we can continue our partnership we have with them.

The Leadership Focus Group promotes leadership development, legislative awareness, and involvement. They encourage their members to get to know their legislators and to encourage contact with them on family issues. The leadership session at the Home and Family Conference was “Let Your Light Shine.” It encouraged attendees to examine their personal leadership power and how to harness that energy to encourage others.

The Education Focus Group created a booklet entitled “Life Skills 101” which is used to educate the community on basic skills. The members were encouraged to pass this booklet on to someone in need.

The IEHA co-sponsors the Family Impact Seminar each year for Indiana legislators. The Family Impact Seminars provide expert, nonpartisan information on a family-related topic of the legislators choosing. We encourage Indiana State Senators, Representatives, and other influential and interested parties to attend. This seminar encourages legislators to consider the effect of new laws on Hoosier families, in the same routine manner that they consider the effect on business and industry and on the environment. The Family Impact Seminar is held in November of each year. This year’s topic was “Now What? Implementing Healthcare Reform In Indiana.” The two experts in this field spoke to the Indiana

legislators in making decisions on what Indiana is going to do in the healthcare to the Indiana families. This seminar was well attended.

The members participated in many Volunteer Community Support projects. Our state has extension homemakers in 90 out of the 92 counties. They reported more than 78,000 items donated, \$185,000 in money donated, and approximately 150,000 in volunteer hours. I am sure this is well below the actual times and totals donated by our members because 11 counties did not report their totals. They also reported sponsoring approximately 173 scholarships totaling more than \$59,000.

Recipients of time, gifts, and money include the Riley Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Mental Health Centers, Backpack Program, Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, Food Banks, Military Families, IEHA Cancer Endowment, other Cancer Centers, local schools, nursing homes, museums, shelters, 4-H programs, local fire and police departments, and other charities.

Our IEHA Cancer Fund finished its fourth year, of the five year contract to raise \$25,000; however, by the end of the fourth year we ended with approximately \$104,000. Joanna Sell, our Immediate Past State President, initiated a decorate a gallon jar contest which raised \$5,661.56, and our Cancer Golf Outing raised \$3,527.86 and a 5K from Cass and Fulton Counties raised \$5,226.50. We also donated \$4,229.73 to the Water Around The World Project.

The First Books For Kids Program finished its fourteenth year. Our volunteers go their area's Head Start classes to read to the children. The readers then leave a copy of the book that was read with each child. We have given thousands of books to the children in Indiana.

While our membership has declined we continue to focus on increasing our numbers. We have formed specialty clubs and hobby clubs.

We look forward to the year ahead and are excited about the many unknown opportunities and future challenges we will face.

### **Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association**



I am extremely proud of KEHA, the good work we do, the leaders we become, and the education we receive through the University of Kentucky extension work. While we are one of Kentucky's best kept secrets, there are those that know to call the Extension Homemaker Association when a job needs to be done, and completed correctly.

I have read the Area Presidents reports and have gleaned information that tells me we are on the move in making a difference in lives in our communities. I cannot think of any area of our community life that we have not touched, really.

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read about making blankets for babies born to mothers who have addiction problems, making lap quilts and other items for people in nursing homes, to teaching 5th graders the "Recipe for Life". I read about the back pack program in many counties, and that is such a worthy cause. We can only imagine what

some of these little ones would endure if it weren't for the good work of programs such as this. I read about the crocheting that goes on for making the caps for newborns and cancer patients. I have read about scholarships that are given that help make a college education a reality. I read about "tea parties" for different and various efforts, I love tea parties and whatever cause they are support. I read about the international projects that are being done, the water purification systems being bought. I read about food drives, Relay for Life fund raising events, county clean up efforts, county fair participation, awards won. I read about activities to support our Military families and we can never do enough for those that serve. I know that our government officials know about us... I personally talked to our legislators recently about some issues that came up in the state budget, and I know several members did as well. It made a difference. We are not a political activist group, but we need to be a voice in decisions that affect our lives and our organization.

We need to be writing our history now! I hope each county is writing their own narrative history, accompanied with pictures to be available for future generations. A book should be compiled of all of our histories and that is a future discussion. Our 100th anniversary will be less than 20 years away.

Our Cooperative Extension System and the University of Kentucky Extension Service just held their 100th anniversary last week, and what celebrations there were!! A worthy celebration and a worthy organization. We will continue our celebration of the 100th anniversary of Family and Consumer Sciences Extension throughout 2014.

I am aware that there are young adults who want to know what we know about taking care of ourselves, to be self sufficient, to make do with what we have, a little or a lot. I have seen the huge upswing in individuals wanting to garden and preserve their own food, to make their own clothing, to learn the crafts that our grandmothers and mothers taught us. I have discovered something recently, in my role as mother and grandmother, that if WE don't teach our children what they need to know, they may never know. It is a privilege that we have this knowledge and we desperately need to pass that on.

There is some good news: We have gained some new clubs and it seems that there is huge success in establishing specialty clubs with a common denominator for all who join. There are activities for just about any interest a person may have. It is my hope and desire that by this time next year we will be seeing progress in our membership and public recognition. I know there are members who work tirelessly for KEHA and the Extension Programs. There really is something for EVERYONE! Some can teach, some can learn, some can craft, some can represent, but we all can DO!

**North Carolina Extension  
and Community Association, Inc.**

The North Carolina Extension & Community Association is made up of 233 clubs, 2,574 members, 18 lifetime members, and 10 emeritus members. Members range in age from teen-agers to members in their nineties, and have spanned 3 or more generations in some families.

**Centennial:** 2013 was unusually exciting in the journey of NCECA as we celebrated our centennial. The event will be held at Jane S McKimmon Center on the campus of North Carolina State University on October 27, 2013.



The theme was *ECA: A Living Legacy of Leadership*.

Throughout the year, counties observed the centennial with a monthly event, i.e. collecting 100

cans of food, donating 100 pints of blood, making a quilt from 100 fabrics, etc. Many held their own celebration, i.e. Reunion Teas and birthday parties inviting former members and NCCE staff.

Each county decorated a piggy bank and “feed” it throughout the year at various county events. At State Conference 2013, there was a Pig Pageant. There were prizes for the best dressed pig and for the county that collects the most money for our ECA Foundation. The decorated pigs were sold at auction, some on silent auction and some at live auction. More than \$11,000 was raised for our Foundation from this project alone.



Commemorative bricks were sold, engraved and placed in the garden courtyard at McKimmon Center. The brick garden was dedicated in a ceremony during the Centennial Gala.

Centennial displays were exhibited at the NC State Fair and many local county and regional fairs.



**Women in Leadership:** With the Centennial behind us, we can move forward with ensuring that NCECA is viable for another one hundred years, we’ve embarked on year one of this journey by partnering with The Center for Creative Leadership, an international nonprofit, educational institution with an exclusive focus of leadership education and research. CCL and NCECA are co-creating a Women’s Leadership Initiative curriculum that will be delivered by ECA/FCS.

This the most exciting opportunity to be offered to NCECA in a long time. A Leadership Advisory Team (LAT) for this effort attended a three-day training and debriefing. At our 2013 State Conference, the closing day was declared a day of “Women in Leadership” (WIL) focus where CCL offered

workshops and “unveiled” WIL at the closing luncheon. At our district days, CCL representatives and members of the LAT presented one of the eight modules of the curriculum, *Social Identity*.

Three additional modules will be offered at State Conference 2014. We also plan to pilot the program in targeted counties. Participation is strictly voluntary among ECA members. Our intent is that NCECA will be the “go to” organization for leadership development in North Carolina.

**Master FCS Volunteer:** NCECA continues to offer leadership development at our State Conference, and at the district and county levels. Members may opt to advance their knowledge and skills by participating in the Master “FCS” Volunteer certification program. Our members give leadership in their local communities through their churches, civic clubs, CES Advisory Leadership System, etc.

**Community Service:** NCECA members continue to provide assistance to many organizations such as stuffed bears for Victory Junction, law enforcement agencies and hospitals; donations to Lake Waccamaw Home for Girls; cooling wraps for the military; protective coverings to rest homes; and turbans/heart pillows to hospitals, Ronald McDonald House, coupons for military families, etc. Members continue to report individual volunteer hours with 1800 members reporting 176,838 hours served. ECA clubs reported over 50,000 hours of volunteer work in communities all across North Carolina. NCECA continues to be a vital resource for dedicated community volunteers.

**NVON Project in Common:** Our state organization purchased a filter kit for each of our five districts to use in promoting the project. Counties have contributed \$2700 to this project.

### South Carolina Family and Community Leaders



South Carolina Family and Community Leaders are carrying out the mission to improve the quality of life for individuals, families and communities through fellowship, education and service. Our membership total in the State is 1177 which is smaller than other NVON states. 122 of our members are men. The men attend District meetings, write lessons and take part in club, county and state activities.

There are three districts in South Carolina. Foothills District Spring meeting had 93 in attendance. Central District 150 members present and Coastal District 84 members and visitors present.

“Water Around The World” has been a very popular project in South Carolina. Jack Earle, a retired water engineer, is the State chairperson. Jack will give this conference the amount collected to date \$10,586.12 and 176 filters sold. Not bad for the smallest state in NVON!!! The plastic bags in the report are used to receive money when anyone speaks at meetings for the “Water Around The World project. Alick Lewis, Coastal District Director, has sent the most money to the Chairman to date. He also has a member of SCFCL who is 100 years old. So no one can give the excuse that they are too old to work in this organization.

SCFCL is very supportive of the State 4-H program. We have a State Chairperson for 4-H “Making the

Best Better.” Members of SCFCL are teaching Heritage Skills to 4-H members in South Carolina.

South Carolina SCFCL will have a new president in 2015. She is younger, vivacious, with many new ideas to bring South Carolina Family and Communities Leaders into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It has been a privilege to serve as State President 2010-2014.

### **West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service, Inc.**



West Virginia is a state as diverse as its boundaries. Looking at a United States map, we are easy to find. We are the only state that falls directly and totally within the Appalachian Mountains. Our borders are very distinctly recognizable. We are comprised of 55 counties, 45 of which have Community Educational Outreach Service clubs. As counties are divided into different clubs, the state is divided into six different areas. Each area conducts their own Area Conference meetings, usually in spring and fall. These six areas have a representative who is a member of the State CEOS Board with voting rights.

Education is an important part of the WVCEOS, by offering scholarships, the West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service, in cooperation with the WVU Extension Service, seeks to increase knowledge and understanding about our world, to encourage youths to learn life skills and become leaders, and to promote study in the family and consumer sciences and helping professions. Three Family and Consumer Sciences Scholarships offered to three West Virginia students (sophomores and above) enrolled in West Virginia colleges or universities offering the bachelor's degree in a related field. A Nursing Scholarship is offered to West Virginia students (sophomores and above) enrolled in West Virginia colleges or universities offering the bachelor's degree in nursing. Each year WVCEOS set aside \$5500 to be awarded to these scholarships. In addition to a \$3500 donation toward the educational expenses of the International Foreign Exchange Student. Another new aspect for Marketing and Membership is the formation of specialty clubs. Those with a like interest are joining our organization. Centering their CEOS work and their love of basket weaving, pottery, painting, knitting, crocheting, etc. Clubs have lessons and work on community projects same as traditional clubs. With the enjoyment of their special interest. These groups have proven to be very valuable to our organization.

WVCEOS is proud of our community outreach, services and volunteerism done throughout the state. I have included a list of some of the projects as an addendum. I would like to highlight one of our new projects for you. The Wounded Warrior is a CEOS project in conjunction with local churches and Veteran Auxiliaries. They have provided needed toiletries, clothing, medical supplies and medication to our service personal. In addition we are providing a homemade, full size quilt. A picture of the quilt is available to view at our state display.



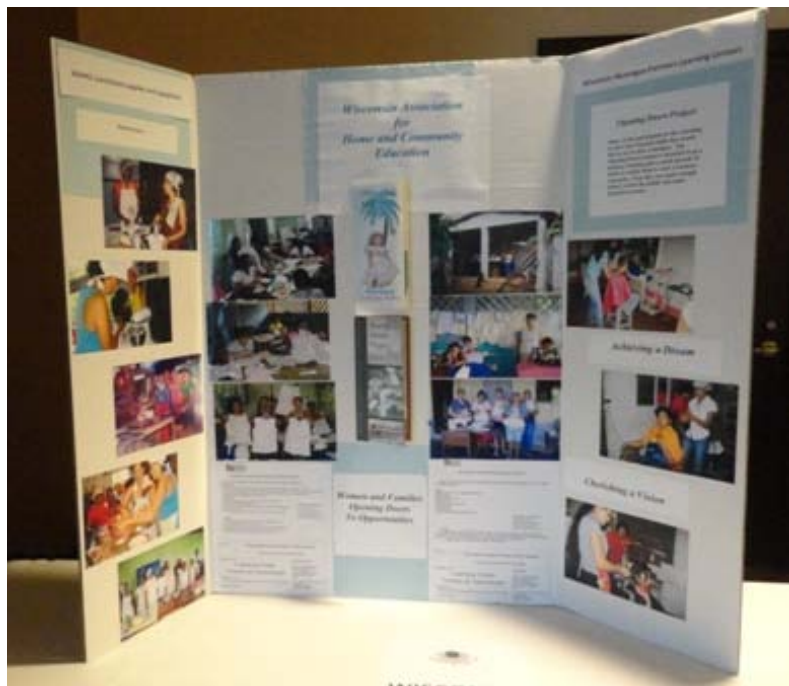


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In 2013, West Virginia celebrated 150 years of statehood. Our organization is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have gone through a few rule books, and endured several name changes. However, the focus of our organization has never changed. Our primary purpose is education. The basis for its existence is the desire of people to improve the quality of their living, to inspire families and individuals to make learning an adventure as they advance through life in the home and in their communities. Other purposes are to further strengthen, develop, coordinate, and extend adult education in cooperation with the WVU Extension Service to increase knowledge and understanding. We believe, the person who continues education and seeks to broaden their horizons is fulfilled and satisfied when serving the family and community. Service to the community, state and world has grown as the need has grown.

### **Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education**

Since we were together last, WAHCE and its counties have been very busy working on a variety of projects and programs.



Lylene Scholz and Marcelline Protheroe WAHCE former presidents were our representatives at the ACWW triennial in India and brought back the resolutions and recommendations for our members to review. Regarding the triennial they have presented programs to member counties this past year and will be presenting a program for all attendees at the 2014WAHCE conference in September. Our WAHCE International Chair, Jeanie Hlinak will present the 2013 ACWW Resolutions and Recommendations to her International Committee and they will chose which one of the resolutions the state will be working on in this triennial.

Our member counties have been busy collecting funds to help finance the NVON project in common "Water for All". Counties have had

water filter displays at their county fairs, spring and fall district and county meetings plus talking to anyone who will listen to their pleas. Since WAHCE last reported to NVON we have collected \$8,670.89 I am pleased to present a check to Pat from WAHCE for \$8,670.89. This project has touched our members and they are so happy to help.

WAHCE's dedication to "Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners" is incredible. Lynda Pracht's legacy lives on. She was our motivator to help the people from this underprivileged country help themselves make a living. Our counties donate not only sewing notions, fabric, sewing machines but now are sending baking and cooking supplies for the many learning centers around the country. Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners have given WAHCE many awards for our efforts.

Statewide our counties are participating in our "On Move and In the Grove" program which runs from

March 1 through May 23. Each year we have more counties joining in and members reporting more miles walked. Donna Kohnke, WAHCE Vice President of Family and Community Education has reported 35 counties joined in on the event and walked 661,671 miles. Many counties have started the Strong Women program and have encouraged their neighbors to join them and in that way introduce WAHCE to their communities

The work of WAHCE volunteers throughout the state is awe-inspiring. Since January 2014 40 counties have reported they have donated 23,288 Community Outreach volunteer hours with a monetary value of \$419,184.00. Some of the projects include; sewing and knitting cancer hats, walker bags, quilts, slippers, knitted hats for soldiers, book bags for children, eyeglass cases for Nicaragua, pillowcase dresses for Haiti, memory bears, cancer pillows, hats, and chemo scarves, and cuddle pillows for the Ronald McDonald House. They have also donated over \$52,893.36 to help with favors for nursing homes, food pantry items, welcome totes for Veterans, backpacks for children in Haiti, Nicaragua, and the hungry and homeless in Wisconsin, books for adults and children, care packages for our service men and women overseas. This is just a sample of what WAHCE is doing around the state.

I am happy to report that the WAHCE Wisconsin Bookworms™ program is in its 16<sup>th</sup> year and going strong. The counties who choose to participate in the program provide 8 books and an activity a year to children from Head Start and other early childhood programs in our state.

The WAHCE membership committee presented a “Membership Challenge” to our counties to promote membership. The purpose of the challenge is to encourage counties to develop an outreach program or project that will benefit their communities, increase county HCE membership and increase awareness and understanding of HCE’s role in their county. Last year at conference we had a number of counties that increased their membership substantially. Counties may use Club Community Service Projects, Educational Programs and Services of Love programs as the basis of their outreach provided there is a recruitment element in the planning. However additional credit will be given for counties that develop new outreach programs. Lincoln County started a Live Sustainable club and had over 24 men and women join the club in 2013 and increased the membership in Lincoln County significantly with more joining all the time. Other counties started clubs with 4H parents, and also by encouraging Wisconsin Bookworms™ readers to start literacy clubs. We are anxious to see what this year’s challenge brings. You can get information about this challenge on the WAHCE website, [www.wahceinc.org](http://www.wahceinc.org)

Our 2014 conference is September 8 – 10 at the Lakewood Resort in Cable Wisconsin. Also we want to remind you that the CWC conference is in Wisconsin this year an easy drive for all NVON members. It will be September 25 – 27 at the Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, WI. We hope to see all of you there.

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