

National Volunteer Outreach Network, Inc.

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2015 State Displays

Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council



The Arkansas Extension Homemakers reports 4231 members, 353 clubs and 181 members at large for the year of 2014. 614,988 volunteer hours reported for the year of 2014.

The AEHC state meeting held each year in Hot Spring Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas was held June 1-4, 2015 with 425 members attending. At this annual meeting our new Governor Asa Hutchinson was the speaker for the opening luncheon on Tuesday. A record number of 97 Project Books were turned in a judged by our Education Committee.

Katherine Strause, current Chair of the Art Department and Associate Professor of Painting at Henderson State University was the speaker at the closing session on Thursday showing some of her

paintings from her public and private collection that depicts the progression of Home Demonstration Club thru the past 100 years to the modern Arkansas Extension Homemakers Clubs.

Scholarships were presented in the amount of \$4,800.00.

Service Awards were presented for 50 years 11, 60 years 4 , 62 years 1, 70 years 1, 73 years 1 and 74 years 2 for a total of 20 service awards.

For the second year AEHC on Tuesday held Red T Shirt Day showing pride and supporting AEHC. For the second year we had a Wednesday night Talent Show. This year a traveling award was given to the winner, to be displayed in the County Family and Consumer Science office and will be returned next year for the new winning County to receive.

Our January Executive Board and Planning Committee meetings are normally rescheduled because of bad weather. This year we scheduled that meeting as a ZOOM meeting (virtual meeting) from the county offices. The meeting was great and this year so was the weather. We have another scheduled for next January just in case the weather is bad.

Illinois Association for Home and Community Education



“We can and we will through teamwork continue to prosper and grow.” These are the words being spread throughout the Illinois HCE membership. Using Joel Osteen’s newest book, “You Can and You Will” as a model, we are encouraging all our “team members” to focus on the eight principles that Mr. Osteen writes about in his book; 1. Keep your vision in front of you – dream big, 2. Run your race – focus on your goal, 3. Expect good things – anticipate great opportunities, 4. Have a positive mindset – take control of your thoughts and attitudes, 5. Commit to excellence – do your best and maintain high standards, 6. Keep growing – be proactive, be intentional, build on your gifts, and continually improve, 7. Serve others – invest yourself in others, 8. Stay passionate – light the fire within and approach life with enthusiasm. If the IAHCE board and the Illinois membership work together as a team and follow these 8 principles we can and we will grow and prosper.

TEAM IACHE is 7,600 plus strong and are found from one

end of the state to the other, located in 76 different counties, from all walks of life, all ages, gender, and nationally. The team members are constantly giving of their selves to help and educate others. The mission of the IAHCE is to enhance the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and experiences encouraging responsible leadership and service to the community. In 2014, TEAM IAHCE demonstrated our mission through; providing over \$7000 in college scholarships, \$3,500 to the American Cancer Society (from one county!); constructing mats for the homeless, caps for cancer victims, fidget blankets for dementia patients, weighted blankets for children with autism, quilts for nursing home residents, bibs for a handicap school; collecting items for food pantries, pregnancy centers, tornado victims, Veterans; aiding 4-H financially, serving as show day judges, doing workshops from bib making for autism children, to pie making, to a Zucchini Squash!; helping the environment through collecting bottle caps to make benches and tables, pill bottles to be used in Veterinarian clinics, “dumpster diving” to retrieve Prairie Farm milk jug caps for a project to help a home for victims of human trafficking and then to recycle. Team IAHCE turned in 563,284 volunteer hours in 2014 each worth \$24.08/hour which equates out to \$13,563.902.00! Team IAHCE demonstrates and lives their mission!

Team IAHCE does not stop with the giving within our state boundaries, the generosity extends to other parts of the world. Numerous caps were made and sent to Africa, as were many pillowcase dresses constructed and sent to Haiti. \$14,421.44 was collected in 2014 for ACWW Pennies for Friendship projects, \$413.02 raised for Women Walk the World, donations were also made for the Wells for All project and Save a Sight. The best has been saved for last and what I personally feel is the greatest tribute to TEAM IAHCE that I could make. The last two years TEAM IAHCE has collected for the NVON water filter project and I am very proud to be able to present a check for \$4,214.34 which brings the balance donated to this project to \$11,093.52.

In conclusion, TEAM IAHCE would like to extend a hearty invite to the IAHCE 2016 Annual Conference to be held in Peoria, Illinois on March 15th through 21st . We are also honored to be hosting the NVON 2016 Annual Conference on July 18th through the 21st in Normal, Illinois. As one of the last great Roman emperors stated, “When you arise in the morning think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to think, to enjoy, to love”.

On behalf of TEAM IAHCE, thank you!

Indiana Extension Homemakers Association

Marcia Dodge, IEHA State President, chose “Heart of a Homemaker: Faith, Hope, Love” as her theme for the 2014-2015 year. She felt that all the guidance and



examples she has learned throughout her life have made her the person she is today.

The year started with ten Fall District meetings throughout the state. The i-LEaD leadership team did a lesson on how to work together effectively as a team at each meeting. We also had speakers talk about women's heart health. They were very informative.

Marcia and I attended the ACWW/CWC Area meeting in Wisconsin. It was at that meeting that the CWC Societies voted to adopt an ACWW project in common, Project 0973 Mongolian Greenhouse Development Project. This project was presented to the IEHA members at the 10 Spring District meetings. A collection was taken up at all of the meetings. The project was mentioned again at Home and Family Conference in June 2015 and more money was collected. At the end of conference, we had donated \$1,615.93 toward this project.

The guest speakers for the Spring District meetings focused on organ donation. Representatives and advocates from the

Indiana Donor Network spoke on the topic. Did you know you are never too old to donate? They can take bone and tissue at any age as long as you are cancer free. If you would like to be a donor, let your family members know and check yes on your driver's license--it's that simple!

The Indiana Donor Network has a program called Threads of Compassion. Through this program, they give donor families shawls after their loved ones have passed. I am happy to tell you that Indiana Extension Homemakers Association is the only organization to donate these shawls. This past year we have given over 200 shawls. Next year we hope to triple that number by challenging all the counties to make 15 or more shawls.

Our members continue to participate in many Volunteer Community Support projects. We have members in 90 of the 92 counties. They reported over 75,000 items donated, approximately 175,000 volunteer hours, and over \$200,000. They also reported they sponsor over 175 scholarships totaling \$65,000.00.

Recipients of time and money include Riley Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, backpack program, local food banks, nursing homes, local schools, museums, 4-H programs, and other worthwhile charities and organizations.

Five years ago, the state officers set up the Purdue Cancer Research Endowment Fund. This is totally funded through donations. The membership has embraced this endeavor by having fund raisers such as dinners, golf outings and a 5K fun run and walk. In just two years, the 5K has raised over \$11,000.00. We have also had two state sponsored fund raisers: a decorated jar and a decorated tissue box contest. To date, after just five years, we have raised \$145,384.71. We will continue to embrace and contribute to this endowment fund.

The "First Books for Kids" program has just finished its 15th year. The volunteers read to children who are in the Head Start Program throughout the state. We have given out over one-million books to children. This program continues to remain strong due to the volunteers who are committed to reading every month during the school year.

We have had an exciting year, and look forward to next year re-connecting with friends and making new friends.

Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association

I cannot think of any other organization that does so much for so many, and asks for nothing in return like the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association does. I have read the Area Presidents reports and the



Educational Chairpersons reports, and they report that we are GREAT organization, of which I am humbled to be the President of. I believe that there are just a few facets of life that are not covered by the things that we learn and do, by our members. We make knitted caps for the newborns, give funds to the Imagination Library, scholarships to 4-H camp, quilts and other materials to the Camp for Courageous kids, and sponsor other youth activities. Ask Marilyn Watson about Green River Area's "Worlds Greatest Baby Shower". We teach the "Recipe for Life" to elementary children, sponsor Santa's Workshop for children at Christmas, fill back packs to provide food for

children so that they will have food over the weekend, give to the toy drives and different charities that benefit community children. We make gowns and blankets for children who visit Children's Advocacy Centers, as well as donate toys to those facilities. We sponsor and participate in High School graduation projects. I am so excited about a new venture that Cassie Munsey in Wayne County has started, a Junior Homemaker Club, that has been very well received by young people wanting to know the things that we already know. She is in the process of getting established clubs to adopt a Junior Homemaker Club to encourage and teach.

For the young adults, we teach hospitality and entertaining with out Christmas events, membership drives, community events. Pulaski County Extension Homemakers participate in the Somerset Community College's International Festival by making different International cookies, as well as providing a variety of hot tea to the students. The county organization has been participating for several years now and are a favorite at the International Festival. KEHA members teach sewing, food preparation and preservation, safe food handling, budget making, recycling, making healthy food choices, leadership lessons, proper exercise and weight loss, crafts and just having fun.

For the more mature adults, we have a tremendous amount of activities to enrich our lives. The comradery of belonging to an Extension Homemaker club is astounding. I like to say the Extension Homemakers are a group of people who believe that education and service begins at home, as the center of society. The wave effect of that endeavor is what all our activity comes from. When we learn a new idea, craft, or activity, we want to share with others so that they can make their lives better as well. We give to food pantries, Veterans in all walks of life, our military servicemen, abuse shelters, homeless shelters, nursing homes, Ovarian Cancer Research of which we have raised in excess of 1 million dollars, Relay for Life events, and we even FEED our politicians! We teach Estate Planning, Sweets for your Sweetie, the latest fashion trends, quilting, basket making, every craft listed on the Cultural Arts list, and one of my favorites- how to be an effective leader. You never get too old or too educated to learn.

We don't forget our elderly either. We make gifts for the ones in nursing homes, we remember our Veterans in nursing homes with visits and gifts at Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Veterans Day and Christmas. We pay tribute to those that have contributed above and beyond to our communities and our lives. These are just a few of the wonderful things we accomplish each and every year as an organization.

We are on the move to increasing our membership, due in part of the wonderful efforts of our 2nd Vice President, Sharon Wood. Miss Ego and Miss Way to Go have been great incentives to have a great time, and share our organization with others. We hope to continue on the progress made and add significant numbers in the near future. All we have to do is let people know that....

WE ARE GREAT!!!! WE ARE WONDERFUL!!!! WE ARE KENTUCKY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS!!!!

North Carolina Extension

The North Carolina Extension & Community Association has 220 clubs with 2399 members, 15 Life

and Community Association, Inc.



Time members and 5 Emeritus members as of June 30, 2015.

Starting out on our 101st. year with the idea that we could accomplish as much in a changing world that our members before us had done was a big challenge.

During this year we have tried to make changes that would help us go forward as a volunteer work force that is much needed in our today's society. We think we have accomplished that in many ways. Our members continue to serve their communities with projects they have done for years and new ones as well. Our State has supported the Water Filter project as well as the Pennies for Friendship project.

We have continued with our programs to encourage Women in Leadership and presented several of these at our State Meeting last October in Asheville, N. C. Our theme for the

meeting was "ECA Still Leading the Way". There were over 250 in attendance. The three day conference was filled with lots of fun and educational workshops. We will be having this year's State Meeting in October in Concord, NC.

Our State is divided into 5 Districts. Each year during the months of March and April there are District Day's held in each one of these Districts for the members living in that part of the State. These meetings are very important because you get to share with members that don't usually attend State functions. All of these meetings were focused on ECA making a difference and I think we have done that this year.

NCECA started a Foundation which is housed at N.C. State University. During the past year the Foundation has awarded 11 grants of \$500.00 each to ECA Counties and Clubs across our State to help fulfill some need in their area. Also ECA has awarded 10 scholarships of \$800.00 each to deserving students as well as adults wishing to continue their education.

One of the things NCECA has tried to keep going is our Cultural Arts Contests. We are very proud of many of the heritage skills that are still going in NC and each year we showcase these skills and others by having contests starting at the Club, County, District and then State level of competition. Winners in each go on to the next level and receive recognition all along the way.

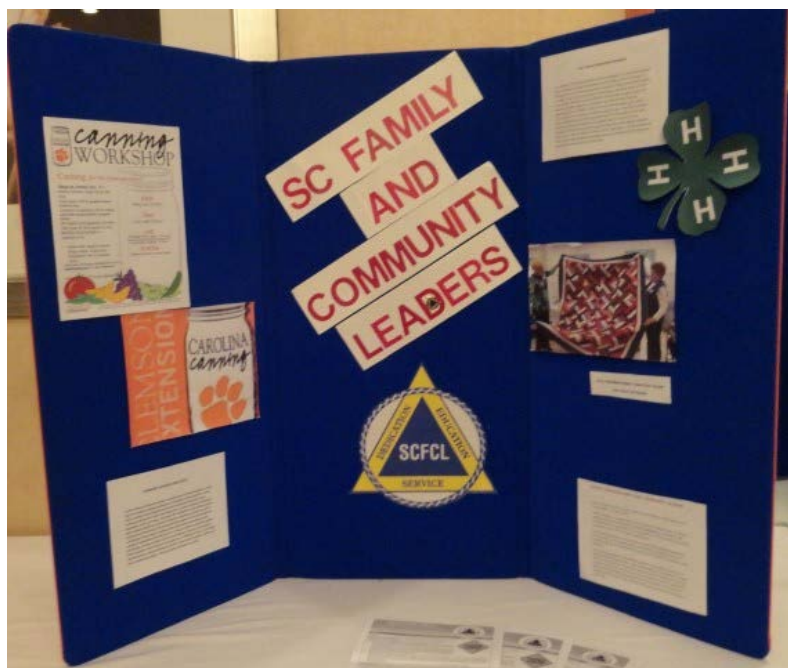
North Carolina ECA is excited on hosting the 2017 NVON Conference and we are very busy making plans for that in July 2017. Hope you all will come.

South Carolina Family and Community Leaders

SCFCL currently has 1043 members, both male and female, with 87 clubs in 30 of the 46 counties in South Carolina.

In 2014 we began a re-organization of our by-laws and standing rules, resulting in a reduction of member competitions and the accompanying paperwork. We also streamlined our state conference, changing it to a one day event, planned for a Saturday, so more of our members could attend.

We have been working on increasing membership.



We're developing guidelines for online clubs and are updating our current website and adding to our new Facebook page. We are looking for state projects that would be attractive to new members.

Our clubs are engaged in many different projects. They conduct fundraisers to support charitable organizations, make Quilts of Valor for local veterans, provide items for nursing homes and hospitals and train to be 4H mentors and

Canning Coaches in conjunction with Clemson University Extension. We are proud of our participation in the NVON project Water Around the World. To date we have collected over \$12,700 for over 220 water filters and will add to the total by the end of 2015.

West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service, Inc.



The West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service organization has 3,525 members in 255 clubs. There are 45 county CEOS Councils in the 55 counties throughout the state. Each county has an Extension office.

At our state conference in October 2014, thirty-two of those counties turned in 577,508 documented hours of volunteer work. Note, this was only a portion of the membership. At that time a volunteers hour of work had a value of \$22.14. Our West Virginia CEOS total value for last year was \$12,786,027.00.

Attendance at our Fall conference was 209 and at our Spring mini conference attendance was forty-eight. 301 of our members assume the leadership role of president either

on the club, county or state level. We have a great group of members---women and men.

Each year WVCEOS offers seven scholarships. One scholarship, first awarded in the 1940' is for an international student to attend West Virginia University. Our international student recipient for 2015 and 2016 is from Libya. Abdel began traveling around the state this spring visiting with the clubs, members, camps and communities, sharing information about his family, culture and country. These visits and overnight stays give him an opportunity to learn our culture and meet our people.

Our CEOS organization provides scholarships to three students who are in the Family and Consumer Science program or a related field. We provide one scholarship to a student in a nursing program. One deserving student is given a scholarship to West Virginia State or Bluefield State College. Many of our clubs and counties provide scholarships for youth attending 4-H camps.

Since we met a year ago in Indiana, the West Virginia CEOS members have been very, very busy. We celebrated our 100th anniversary in conjunction with the Smith-Lever Act celebrations. Beginning in 2014 as state vice president, I encouraged our clubs and county members to step up and get the word out about our organization as we had a lot to celebrate. The hundred years of WVCEOS volunteer work, projects for others and increasing our knowledge through our educational lessons, speakers and demonstrations, at each of our meetings through the 100 years is quite a feather in our hat.

Members were asked to follow thru and celebrate in various ways of their own choosing. Some clubs and counties choose to work as a group on one big project of helping others. Several chose to help others by doing a variety of projects. Some held monthly events, one per month, to support various non-profit organizations always incorporating the 100. There were a lot of challenges, parties and newspaper coverage as well as television. Two members wrote a historical skit about the various name changes within our organization, complete with outfits from one hundred years ago and incorporated the history of the group and traveled across the state sharing this. Now, keep in mind that this was all done in addition to our usual projects and activities that we carry out and support...one being our NVON water project.

Now, we are midway thru 2015. When I was elected to the office of WVCEOS President, I shared with our membership that that our new statewide project, would be education about domestic violence and support of agencies working with persons affected by domestic violence. Our WVCEOS members have been doing a wonderful job and the outreach from this project can have tremendous impact for individuals and families.

Our WVCEOS organization works to provide folders/flyers for our membership across the state and general public who are in need of the information. The material was courtesy of the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence and also the local counties where the shelters are established. The informational folders have the local contact information listed on each of them. When there are problems, it is important that they have the local contacts at their fingertips in an emergency situation.

Whether it is club, county, or state, several of our WVCEOS activities and projects are similar and some the same. There is such a need for volunteers to help non-profit groups, it is a difficult decision to decide who to support. We do try to spread ourselves around as best we can as I am sure all of you do too.

I thank you for allowing me time to share our state efforts and to praise the work and accomplishments of my fellow members in the great state of West Virginia. Jean Wilburn, WVCEOS President

Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education

This year WAHCE is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Everyone who attends our 2015 conference will receive a 75th anniversary charm in remembrance of this memorable event. Members who have attained their 55+ year anniversary will receive a special charm celebrating their dedication to WAHCE over the years. We are proud of the accomplishments and dedication these members have achieved.

Wisconsin members have been busy with a variety of projects and programs both within our communities and internationally. The WAHCE Membership Committee presented a "Membership Challenge" to our counties to promote membership throughout our state. The "Challenge" was to encourage counties to develop an outreach program or project within their county to increase awareness and understanding of HCE's role in the community and promote membership. This year we are happy to report that 28 out of our 51 counties



increased their membership in 2014. We have 171 new members. Although this year our membership count is 3700 down 162 from 2013, we are pleased with the number of new members gained. Some of our counties are promoting “Eat Local, Buy Local” and seem to be

attracting concerned residents who want to join HCE in the effort.

We continue to promote the On the Move and In the Grove program. This year 40 counties participated and earned 105,637 points or 35,200 miles which would take us to the “moon and back”. Quite impressive!!

Wisconsin tracks volunteer hours with our “Impact of HCE” program. In 2014 our counties reported they donated 30,980 Community Outreach volunteer hours with a monetary value of \$557,640.00. WAHCE county donations statewide equal \$53,180.00. Some of the projects include items for cancer patients, cuddle pillows for the Ronald McDonald house, pillowcase dresses and backpacks for children in Haiti, memory bears, backpacks for underprivileged children, veterans and the homeless in our communities, tote bags and personal items for women’s shelters around the state. We continue to support our Wisconsin Bookworms™ program which is in its 17th year reading over 672,058 books to 79,145 children. This year WAHCE counties paid out \$105,313.00 in support of this program and the children of Wisconsin.

Internationally we have donated \$ 806.00 to the CWC Mongolian Greenhouse project, \$6304.00 to Pennies for Friendship, \$1111.00 for water filters in Nicaragua and we have a check to present today to NVON for \$3148.00 for the water filter project. We have donated \$619.00 to Women Walk the World. We have collected and donated endless boxes of eyeglass cases, sewing machines, sewing, baking, and hairdressing supplies to be packed and shipped to Nicaragua. These boxes go on to the learning centers where the Nicaraguans teach sewing, baking, and hair dressing skills to help Nicaraguans earn a living. This year opportunity came knocking at our door with a new project for the women of Nicaragua. In partnership with Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners WAHCE is monetarily helping build cinderblock stoves with chimneys for the ladies. Wood stove smoke is a health problem for the ladies, especially the children in rural areas as well as in the large cities. The women of Nicaragua survive by making/selling tortillas out of their humble kitchens. WAHCE counties have decided to help fund these stoves so these women can be healthy and continue to make a living for their families. I have put information in your folder regarding the stoves and some of the women’s stories for you to share with your membership. WAHCE is proud of its connection and partnership with Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners.

Our Scholarship program is one of the best in the state. Not only does WAHCE give out a \$1000.00 scholarship each year but each county offers scholarships to their communities for a total this year of \$32,637.00 throughout the state. This is just a sample of what WAHCE does.

The state of Wisconsin's motto is FORWARD and that is exactly how WAHCE moves within our state.

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