

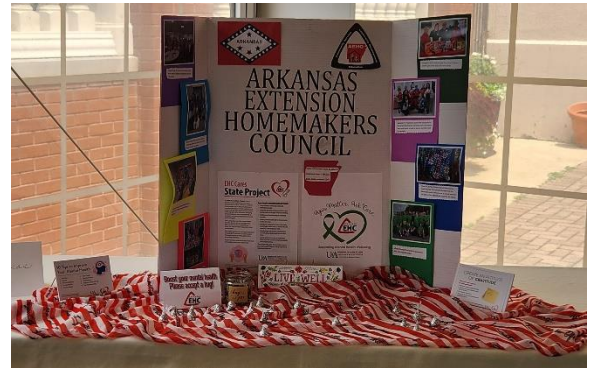
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2023 State Reports

Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council



Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council was organized in 1912 and has existed for 111 years. Clubs were formed so members could meet together and share knowledge and information through their county extension agent without the agent having to go to each individual farm. Through the years, AEHC (once named Home Demonstration Clubs) members learned to grow and preserve food safely to feed their families, make mattresses and other beneficial items to improve quality of living. Early club members encouraged, and in some schools, cooked hot, nutritious lunches to be served to school children. Students' grades improved and underweight children gained weight.



Today's homemakers are not just stay at home moms. Homemakers can be men or women who work outside the home, take their children to dance classes, and soccer or baseball practices, are members of other clubs and organizations and fit in time to volunteer in their communities. Arkansas has 75 counties, divided into 3 districts. Statewide membership is 2,967 members who donated 286,222 volunteer hours. At an hourly value of \$28.54, that totals \$ 8,168,776. Our members volunteer for such projects as knitting or crocheting caps for babies at the Arkansas Children's Hospital, sewing teaching dolls for the hospitals, making fidget or sensory mats for people in nursing or assisted living homes, raising money and collecting food to help Arkansans fighting food insecurity. We work with our extension agents as they provide programs for schools and 4-H clubs, teaching things like sewing, cooking and food preservation. A program developed by the University of Arkansas titled "Get Real Here's The Deal" teaches high school students life situations and decisions they will have to make regarding purchasing cars, insurance, groceries, housing and childcare based on the card they drew listing job and family size. Following the years when members were unable to gather safely, due to the pandemic, club membership has been growing. New members are joining and volunteering in their communities. We are meeting together and working together on projects. Some projects include Pollinator Awareness, letting everyone know how essential pollinators are in feeding us and the world. We have made seed bombs with 6th graders so they can grow wildflowers to encourage pollinators. Our statewide project is mental health awareness. Many experienced loneliness being isolated during the pandemic and we encourage activities to meet with others. Even a phone call to check in with someone can brighten their day. Invite people to your club meetings. Each county has information for individuals to seek help if needed. Our intention is not

to diagnose or treat but to encourage and let people know we care about them. We want everyone to be aware of the national suicide prevention phone number “988” that anyone can call any time.

Our state meeting was held the first week of June. We had 258 members registered for the 3 day conference with recognition, craft classes and education classes. We had bingo and a talent show for evening entertainment. Our classes are taught to members who can take that information to fellow club members and their communities. Our logo contains our goals as Extension Homemakers; Leadership Development, Education and Community Service.

Submitted by Debbie Thompson, AEHC President

Illinois Association for Home and Community Education



Greeting from the state of Illinois!

Last year the theme for the year was “Aspire to Inspire”! I challenged each of the Members throughout Illinois to continue to think positive, think creatively, and move forward with their heads held high! As I visited 16 more counties in Illinois I could feel the inspiration, the enthusiasm, and the momentum building and moving us closer to 100!



The year-end reports showed that the membership was inspired to provide quality educational lessons and programming which resulted in once again holding steady with minimal loss and much gain! **IAHCE ended 2022 with 64 of 66 Counties; 4,106 members; 329 Actual Gains; and a net loss of 138.**

In 2022 HCE members rebounded in full force to support their communities! **18 counties reported serving approximately 240 community organization with approximately 15,746 items donated. 52 Counties reported at total of 420,059 CVH hours.** This means innumerable individuals were helped in a variety of ways for example scholarships, hats, blankets, stockings, clothes, toys, bibs, walker bags, cards, books, food, and even trees just to name a few! This does not account for monetary donations to various organizations throughout Illinois.

While many of the counties were able to provide in-person presentations and lessons just as many were having a slow start with members being cautious about attending. Thankfully members were able to continue receiving lessons by newsletters, email, and video. The University of Illinois Extension continues to offer lessons on the internet as well as in-person presentations in some areas. The NVON Project in Common “Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed the World” was presented at the August Workshops and the members began building their “hive of educational information and honey money”!

Conference attendance in 2022 was low. Attendance at various other conferences recorded low attendance as well. However, 21 HCE members attended the NVON Conference in Indiana and 5 members attended the CWC/ACWW Area Meeting in Arkansas. Plans were being made for 3 possibly 5 to attend the ACWW Triennial Conference in Malaysia.

The IAHCE Board met in-person 4 times last year and many more times by video conferencing. It should be noted that they are dedicated to serving the membership with enthusiasm and diligence.

Aspiring to inspire others in word and deed is an admirable endeavor as attested to in the county reports. My challenge to the membership was and is to continue to aspire to inspire! I would like to leave you with these “pearls of wisdom” by an unknown source:

*“Your smile is your logo,
Your personality is your business card,
And the way you make others feel is your trademark.”*

Submitted by Angela Hicks, IAHCE President



Indiana Extension Homemakers Association

Greetings from Indiana Extension Homemakers Association!

It has been a very active year in Indiana. Beginning with the installation of our new state president, Michelle Roberts, starting her term July 1, 2022, the challenges were set for our state organization. Our focus is always on the three pillars of IEHA...Education, Leadership, and Volunteer Community Support.



Education: With the updating of our state’s lessons from Purdue University, there have been many classes and sessions taught this year. Each county typically has a spring and fall consumer education day to share classes with homemakers and community members. As well at each of our District Days in the fall and spring, HHS Educators were asked to provide mini lessons to our membership and all 10 districts in our state participated. Lessons ranged from Pollinators, Safe Baby Sleep, Edible Flowers, History of a County, Chair Exercises, just to name a few. Many of our counties have been holding classes throughout the year in their communities with topics such as Bone Health and Nutrition, Sewing, Cooking Skills, Simple Car Maintenance, Financial Classes, Container Gardening, Canning Today, etc. These educational classes are well received and is one of the things are homemakers enjoy doing in their communities.

Leadership: Our Leadership Focus Group worked diligently this year to set goals and a plan of action for our membership. We encourage members to attend i-LEaD session at our annual conference. We also encourage our members to stay up-to-date on issues that involve home and family.

Volunteer Community Support: This is the area that I personally feel we excel in as Homemakers. When there is a need, we heed the call! Our homemakers are busy making shawls for IN Donor Network, fidget blankets & wheelchair bags for nursing homes, book bags for our First Kids Reading Program, etc. They are busy reading to students, stocking food pantries, donating time and items to shelters, showing appreciation to our first responders, collecting pop tabs and other items for Riley Children’s Hospital, etc. As I traveled this year as state president, I was in awe of the many things that are being done in their communities. Countless hours, talents and funds are given by our homemakers.

This year's theme "Scatter Kindness the #IEHA Way" was a huge success! I challenged our homemakers to scatter kindness through random acts of kindness and introduced the Pocket Heart Program.

A small heart (made from/by any medium) that can be randomly scattered in our communities. The idea was to reach people that we don't usually seek out and to promote IEHA in a completely different way. Homemakers had fun making pocket hearts, delivering them by basketful to area libraries, banks, hotel, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, hospitals/doctor offices, cancer centers, etc. Some hearts were left randomly among shelves in libraries, grocery stores, on vehicles, on door fronts. Hearts were given to waiters/waitresses with their tips, first responders, children and adults at fairs and IEHA events. The response was incredible! It is amazing to hear the stories of the hearts they touched and also how it touched the hearts of the homemakers giving the heart. I could not have imagined how many Pocket Hearts our homemakers could scatter this past year. We have officially hit over 50,000 hearts that have been made and scattered across the United States and several other countries! That's over 50,000 lives that we have touched! AMAZING! That is what IEHA is all about.

Overall, this was a successful year for the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association. Membership numbers are always a struggle; however, many new members were welcomed into existing clubs and several new club charters were signed during the year. We look forward to continuing our work in our communities and continuing to build relationships to strengthen the greatest institution in the world...the HOME.

Together...Let's Scatter Kindness the #IEHA Way!

Submitted by Michelle Roberts, outgoing IEHA President



Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association

This year, I have had the privilege of visiting over half of our great state. I have traveled from Paducah and Henderson in the western part of the state to Bowling Green, in the south to Letcher County in the east and Maysville in the north and all over central Kentucky. I have met positive, active members working to promote communication, and leadership, to provide interesting programs and volunteer to better their communities. We are so very proud of our 11,229 members. This is nearly a 500-member increase over last year.



I also attended the KEAFCS state meeting in Bowling Green. It was great to meet the many active supportive agents across the state. Leslie Workman, KEAFCS President 2022, reported training is taking place for the 30 new agents just hired this year. Just as KEHA is ever growing and changing as an organization, so is UK Extension. We continue to be supported by the wonderful staff at the University of Kentucky. Natalie Taul, the 2023 KEAFCS President attended our Spring Board meeting in Louisville, brought greetings and updated us on staff and new developments in her organization. We value the Extension agents in every county in Kentucky. They teach, lead, support and provide information to better our members and communities. We are privileged to have UK advisors to work with our nine Educational Chairpersons in developing meaningful programs and contests that our members can participate in.

Our nine State Educational Chairpersons and the fourteen Area Presidents represent our state membership on the State Board. They are responsible for disseminating information from our state Board of Officers and our

State Advisor Mrs. Kelly May to the Area officers. Then that information is passed down to the County officers, and then to club officers and then, on to members. I have been asked by other states how we have such a strong membership. I believe it is through our officer training and leadership, which is offered at every level of our organization, as well as the many interesting classes and programs that are offered and taught to our membership, which the members themselves help choose each year. These different programs inspire our members to volunteer their time to their communities. This past year our members donated their time in volunteer hours in approximately 46,350 hours in Extension work, 60,790 to KEHA programs and activities, 165,653 hours to their communities 236,148 hours in personal volunteerism and 8,191 hours to 4-H programs and activities. All together this adds up to a whopping 517,132 volunteer hours given to our communities. You are making a great and positive impact on your communities.

Our scholarship programs are impressive. There were 23 Club Scholarships reported for a total of \$3,195., 89 County Scholarships totaling \$43,965 and 1 Area scholarship in the amount of \$2,450. Some community projects were helping teachers in schools; food contests within that community; donations to food baskets food pantries, school supplies, gifts for needy children, Christmas stockings, tornado relief, quilts to needy and Camp for Courageous, happy packs and snacks to local sheriff and police stations, products to nursing homes and hospitals, plant and seed give aways, information on bee pollination and plants and many more. It's impossible to name all the wonderful projects and programs we have ongoing in our communities that help us to become better leaders.

There were 44,725 4-H Camp scholarships awarded this year. Part of the money came from KEHA as well as Business donations. 4-H Programs included communication skills, basic sewing, food to table, citizenship, manners, consumer learning and daily health plans. Our homemakers can and should be aware of the many ways in which we can help with the youth of today. I am in this position due in part to the skills I learned in 4-H as a young person and the guidance of the 4-H agents, leaders, and volunteers.

We were given the task of helping to market our KEHA merchandise, promoting the annual State Meeting and encouraging vendor participation. Classes on Designing tools for Social Media Graphics and using Google Drive for sheets, documents, and forms were topics provided through our Publicity and Marketing Committee at our last state meeting.

Our Cultural Arts & Heritage programs allow our members across the state to participate in the many competitions in 94 category/subcategory designations in which 1,316 entries were exhibited to earn recognition. This competition is available at the county, area, and state levels. Achievement ribbons are awarded to the deserving competitors. Over 5,638 various books have been read, and in addition, 690 books were read from the KEHA Book List. Many people took part in the creative writing projects of poetry, short stories, and memoirs. Classes were taught in cloth weaving, Swedish weaving, and pin weaving. 131 people participated in the Passport Challenge visiting 1,885 different places and historical locations this year.

Our Environment Housing and Energy Program of Work included participation in lessons or projects on: honey, monarch way stations, landscape and community beautification and landscaping to attract bees, birds, or butterflies. The Adopt-a-Highway project also is an asset to keeping Kentucky beautiful. Recycling, energy use and innovations such as solar power and information on new appliances and housing updates are used widely.

The Food, Nutrition and Health Program continues to support the Ovarian Cancer program at the University of Kentucky. \$40,941.57 was raised to donate to this cause this year. It was reported that 2,538 participants had yearly checkups, 1,929 had Mammograms, 408 had ovarian screenings, 33 first-time ever screenings and 1,427 people had Diabetes screenings. Specialized diets, exercise which includes Bingocize, healthy eating, cooking classes, specialty foods, and Dementia information were just a few of the many programs and activities that were reported.

Family and Individual Development reported programs on: grief and support groups; coping with chronic illness; stress awareness; healthy brains; nurturing self; power of laughter; relaxation; communication skills; conflict resolution, random acts of kindness, and aging, as well as many others.

Over 38 countries have been studied and celebrated as part of our International Program of Work. We collected money for Coins for Change (which includes Rural Women of the World), Eco Brick Project, KEHA Clean Water project, Kentucky Academy in Ghana, and Indian Summer Camp. Cans of food were collected for Feed America. Programs on zero hunger, poverty, good health, quality education, responsible consumption, textiles, pollinator protection, use of plastic, and environmental health, and other cultures were just a few of the outstanding classes and programs taught.

Classes were presented on: fraud and scams; saving and investing money; estate planning; shopping with coupons; insurance fraud; grilling safety; budgeting; keeping up with flu and virus protection; fire, EMT and police protection; senior citizen safety; avoiding falls; and monthly technology classes were taught as part of the Management and Safety Program of Work. There were Zoom classes taught in the AM, PM, and the evening to better serve our members. There are specialty clubs such as Pinterest, Photography, Oil Painting, Bingocize and Taco Tuesday (Taco bout Homemakers). There were so many crafts and projects taught and shared I cannot begin to name them all. There were 444 members at our State Meeting in Louisville in May. Over 700 entries in the Cultural Arts. We had great learning and officer training sessions. It was a great meeting.

The volunteer hours and donations to your communities were wonderful. Items made and given to needy causes, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, resource centers and civil services were overwhelming. What you do is outstanding in every way! I am so impressed with you as members and leaders. I am very proud that you belong to KEHA. Thank you for all you do and the impact you've made in your communities.

Submitted by Brenda R. Hammons, Kentucky President



Michigan Community Education Outreach

Michigan's local county clubs meet throughout the year and are all very involved in their communities in many different capacities. We are small but do BIG things!

Michigan's state conference was held last October in the beautiful Upper Peninsula in a town called Baraga. Our theme was Fall Is Proof That Change Can Be Beautiful. We had car pool tour of several unique businesses and a dinner stop. We then played a game called Snoop. We always have a banner parade showing off the different districts and their counties. The meetings that we hold at convention are a president's meeting for all the county president's, district caucuses for all the counties in a district, and our annual state business meeting. The state board has a meeting the day before the convention starts. Our workshop and speaker programs were: "Bishop Baraga & City of Assinins", "Life on the Copper Mining Frontier", entertainment provided by "One Voice UP" Music for the Soul, "Invasive Species & Plants", and "Bees and Bee Keeping". We had a hands-on workshop where we made a beautiful sunflower plaque out of wood and beer caps! We do not have much time for leisure activities at our conventions! Our president Kristine Mueller held



a Memorial Service for the 7 members we lost due to a death. We have a time for giving out awards and scholarships. The vice president of education holds a contest every year. You need to follow the guidelines and complete trifolds and single board displays of a topic or service you have completed in the past year. They are judged by all and monetary awards are presented. Another contest is our cultural art displays, a person may bring as many homemade items as they wish and they are set out in categories then everyone votes for the best in a particular category then a vote is taken for the best of show. We have a lot of very talented people in Michigan. The attendees enjoy the game of chance. Cash raffles are drawn every day. If a person chooses to do so they may bring homemade items to sell in our trade show. One night there is a euchre tournament for those that choose to be involved. We have a talented vice president for education, she is talented in many ways and one of them is singing, each year she asks for choir volunteers and we learn about 3 songs and sing them throughout the convention. Our state convention this October will be in southeast Michigan in a town called Owosso. The theme for this convention will be "MCEO, How Diverse Are We?"

Michigan's district meetings were held at the beginning of May this year. There are 5 districts but only 4 held meetings. Our title for all of them was "To Bee... or not to Bee? The educational program was put on by our vice president for education, Joyce Weiss and our former state president, Sheri Drake. The program was all about bees. It was an excellent presentation! The host counties put on the afternoon programs. They were: 1. Needle and Thread Guidelines to use when sewing on a machine. 2. Quilt Show with history of the types of quilts, the stitching used, pattern names, and fabrics used. This group also had a pianist who played patriotic songs and we sang along with her. 3. Copper Creek, a band entertained one meeting and we sang and danced along. 4. The last group started their meeting off with a mixer game so we could learn a bit about each other. They had a 2 piece band that we sang along with. The state president, Kristine Mueller spoke at each meeting. She talked about the upcoming fall convention, scholarships and their guidelines, upcoming nominations, ACWW, CWC, NVON and what they mean, their purposes and how we are involved with them. She spoke of the project in common "Bee-Cause Pollinators Feed The World". She also mentioned "Plant Many Seeds". We look forward to knowing what the next project will be.

Submitted by Kristine Mueller, MCEO President

North Carolina Extension and Community Association, Inc.



In January, I embarked upon my third journey as State President. I have had the privilege of visiting all five Districts as they celebrated their accomplishments at their District Activity Days. Our 106 clubs with 1223 members continue to work diligently, as those members before them, to identify the needs of their communities and rally the resources to meet those needs. They exemplify the mission of NCECA "to strengthen families and communities through leadership development, community action and educational support from NCSU and NC A&T State."



Members have contributed over 50,000 hours in support of NC State Extension programming and over 60,000 hours volunteering with our community partners, such as schools, senior centers, civic organizations, food pantries, civil servants, community gardens, etc., thereby contributing \$3.3 million to North Carolina.

The Extension Master Food Volunteer (EMFV) program has continued to grow with forty-four trained agents and 134 trained volunteers. The program is designed to engage residents in food and nutrition programming in their community and train volunteers to further expand the reach of N.C. State Extension. FCS agents train

volunteers to support their food and nutrition programming and promote local food, thereby building their capacity to deliver high quality, evidence-based interventions.

We were back in person for our 2022 State Conference, Bee Cause ECA Matters! held in Raleigh in October. Workshops were presented on Too Blessed to Be Stressed, The Power of Pollinators, Diversity & Inclusion, Communicating & Leading with Vision, The Power of Many – The Alzheimer's Series and Med Instead of Meds. One evening, we had dinner and a movie, Secret Life of Bees. During the Conference, attendees stopped by our service project room to make no sew blankets and scarves for a homeless ministry.

We are currently planning for our 2023 Conference in Kill Devil Hills in October and the 2024 NVON Conference in Asheville next July.

NCSU including all its colleges and Extension have undergone strategic planning. As a partner, we have an enormous opportunity as we undergo strategic planning. Nonprofits, in order to remain viable need to periodically reevaluate their structure, vision, purpose and direction. It allows us to set priorities, focus our energy and resources, strengthen our operations, ensure that are working toward common goals, and assess and adjust the NCECA's direction in response to a changing environment.

Submitted by Wanda Denning, NCECA President



South Carolina Family and Community Leaders

At 102 years old, South Carolina Family and Community Leaders are still making a difference in communities across the state from the mountains to the seashore. Since our state is divided into three regions, Foothills, Central and Coastal having similar interests and needs for all 46 counties, we meet our goals: to encourage each club to increase membership, to publicize through media, public forums through visual and video promotions and to educate members to have new issues, focuses and reporting.

We mailed two newsletters to each of our members, one in the spring and one in the fall filled with informative articles that promote our goals, past and upcoming events, officer contacts, meeting details and articles submitted by counties of activities of general interest. We include newsletters, handbooks, calendars, current forms, and pertinent up-to-date information relating to SCFCL on our website and use Facebook to *help friends and family connect with each other* as well as build a network bringing the world closer together.



Along with the support of extension specialists and advisors, SCFCL supplies 10 education lessons for county members to use to education their members. Some of the lessons are: Chair Exercises for Seniors; Guidelines for Successful Container Vegetable Gardening; Have you been Targeted for an Email Phishing Scam?; Healthy Weight Loss; How Long to Keep It-Proper Food Storage; Learn to Identify Phone Scams; Let's Keep Our Bees Buzzing; Steps Through the Probate Process; Understanding the "New" Nutrition Facts Label; and Working Together – FCL Members and Youth. These lessons are available on the SCFCL Website and can be

downloaded, copied, and used whenever needed. There is also a list of previous lessons that can also be conveniently downloaded, copied, and used as needed.

In the Spring we were able to find, locate and host all three district meetings. We've been slow to start back with in-person meetings and it seems like members are eager to attend and get back to the way it was. Each district meeting supported the Bee-Cause project with either their decorations, programs or speakers promoting this valuable project. We are trying to collect one dollar from each member to donate to the NVON Bee project and hope by the end of the year to have 100% participation.

SCFCL, like many other NVON member states continue to promote the NVON project-in common, BEE-Cause Pollinator Feed the World. Most of the county spring and fall meetings had programs on all kinds of pollinators. One county had a retired lawyer turned beekeeper present a program on how she left the courtroom and enter the hive of bees making her own home honey. One county meeting had a presentation from the beekeeper association present a program on everything you what to know about bees and more. One county purchased bookmarks for members as a reminder how important bees are from chapter to chapter. This has been a very informative project as well as beneficial.

Our partnership with Clemson University and the extension service is encouraging. One agent is in an area of the state that hasn't had SCFCL clubs for a long time and has contacted us and sees the need for new clubs in the area. Together we are in the process of organizing leaders, and it looks promising for an increase of new members and new clubs there. One thing I must say is that the agents seem like they are getting younger and younger, but we're glad they appreciate our goals and our history of successes.

SCFCL has many 4-H member leaders. Since many of our members began as 4-Hers, they have encouraged children and grandchildren to participate in useful projects that build leaders of tomorrow. Through volunteer donations at every membership level, we were able to make two \$1,000 scholarship donations for qualifying students to help them continue their education and to fulfil their life goals. We attend their State Congress Awards Banquet with the theme: Once Upon a Time in a 4-H Fairy Tale. We now see what the cream of the crop is like and why they are the leaders of 4-H and what are their plans for the future.

In October 2022, Charleston County hosted the one-day Annual Meeting with the theme "Together We Build", at Stallville United Methodist Church, a historic church build in 1887 on land that had been part of the La Bleu Plantation in Summerville, South Carolina. Charleston members went way over the top with handmade decorations, an adorable bee skit with bee aprons and especially their most gracious southern hospitality. Annette Lanham from Florida Association for Home and Community Education was guest speaker who made her presentation on "Is Death Inevitable?" which gave us ideas on how to attract and keep new members and explore possible options for membership renewal and recovery. Attendance was remarkable and hope to have more for our 2023 Annual Meeting, October 26 in Sumter County in another 100+ year old church.

SCFCL may not be as large as it once was, but we still make a difference in our communities improving the quality of life for us and our families through Dedication, Education and Service.

Submitted by Pat Breznay, SCFCL President



West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service, Inc.

As the 2023-24 West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service president, I chose as my theme, “Making a Difference-Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”. Our organization has been in existence since 1914 and as members in the past have made a difference, we continue to work toward strengthening individuals and families through CONTINUING EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT and are looking forward to a bright future ahead.



Our membership has declined in recent years; however, our Marketing and Membership Committee’s main objective is to recruit and retain members by increasing motivation and communication among ourselves and others. Our current membership total is 1809 with 112 of those being 50+ year members.

The Purposeful Reading Committee’s Plan of Action led members to read a total of 26,518 books/audio books. Our members read aloud to 251 adults and 284 children. A total of 8,400 books were donated to schools, libraries and individuals and monetary donations totaling \$5,192.00 were contributed to various literacy programs. The Purposeful Reading Committee also promotes writing with a short story and poetry contest held each year. The winners are announced at the WVCEOS Fall Leadership and Enrichment Conference held in October at WVU- Jackson’s Mill.

As a part of the Families and Health Committee’s Plan of Action, members have made and contributed care kits, for displaced children, etc. to various agencies, awarded 4-H camp scholarships, provided trays favors for local nursing homes and hospice centers, made fleece blankets for those in need, donated items to local food pantries and contributed over \$10,000 worth of items to a local VA hospital for veterans. Baby showers were also held in co-operation with the Family Resource Network. Our youth is also supported through youth expos, 4-H programs, etc. Members also held health fairs and cancer awareness luncheons to promote awareness and raise funds for cancer research, etc.

The Continuing Education Committee is striving to promote educational opportunities for all. Each year, a virtual Spring Mini Conference is held in April and the Fall Leadership and Enrichment Conference is held in October. Each conference provides educational learning sessions on various topics. The WVCEOS Fall Leadership and Enrichment Conference will be held at WVU-Jackson’s Mill, October 3rd. through the 5th.

The West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service also awards four scholarships each year to students attending a college/university in West Virginia. These scholarships are awarded to students majoring in the field of nursing and/or family and consumer sciences. Another scholarship awarded by the WVCEOS is the International Student Scholarship. Maria Zakir from Pakistan received this scholarship and is an industrial engineering student at West Virginia University. Maria has provided many educational programs about her home country to our members at various meetings and events. Maria is writing a lesson about Pakistan to be shared with members as she travels to CEOS counties throughout West Virginia, as well as, sharing with members at the WVCEOS Fall Leadership and Enrichment Conference in October.

I am happy to report that members of the WVCEOS reported a total of 342,000 volunteer hours of service to their communities, etc. in 2022.

In partnership with West Virginia University Extension Service, we pledge to be productive contributors in meeting the needs of our changing and diverse society.

Submitted by Clinedda Austin, WVCEO President

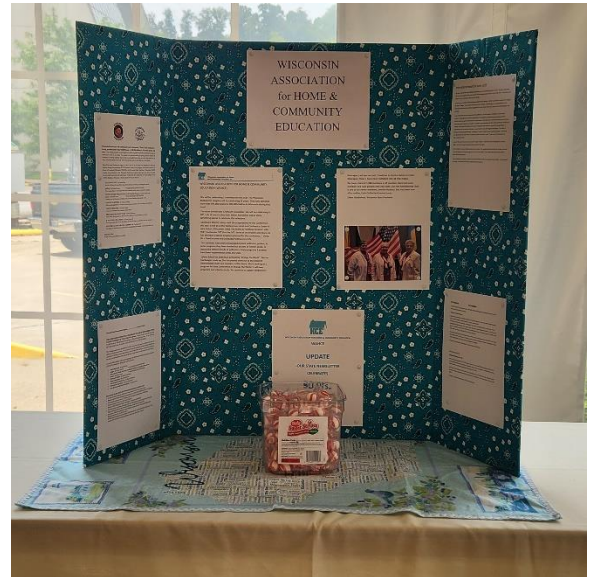


Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education

We will be celebrating 2 Anniversaries this year. The Wisconsin Bookworms program will be celebrating 25 years. They have provided more than 934,000 books to 100,500 children in Wisconsin during that time!

The other anniversary is UPDATE newsletter. We will be celebrating its 50th. Lots of news in that time. Editor, Marcelline will be doing something special to celebrate this milestone.

Southwest District is busy with the preparations for the Conference this year. It will be at the Wintergreen Hotel and Conference Center in Lake Delton (Wisconsin Dells). The theme is “Driftless Dreamin’ with HCE”. September 18th thru the 20th. Some of the sessions and tours are full. We have 2 special programs planned for the conference...” Living On a Fixed Income and Gratitude/Finding Joy in Life.



Our members have been encouraged to plant pollinator gardens. In some programs they have handed out packets of flowers seeds, to attract the different kinds of pollinators. Many programs & projects have been implemented across the State.

Lylene Scholz has been busy promoting “Orange the World”. She has had badges made up. She has passed them out to the 6 District International Chairs and members of the Board. She is working on a program for State Conference on Orange the World. It will have programs and activities to do. We continue to support programs in

Nicaragua. Last year we sent 3 beehives to the fire station in Esteli, Nicaragua. Those 3 hives have multiplied into 38 hives today.

We have a total of 1,948 members in 45 counties. Have lost some members and have gained a few new ones. Our new Membership Chair is one of our newer members. Jennifer Raddatz. She has taken over after mother, Linda Sutherland passed away.

Submitted by Eileen Gottbeheat, WAHCE President