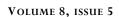
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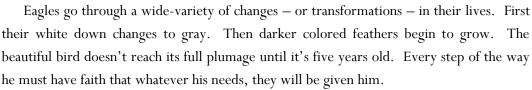


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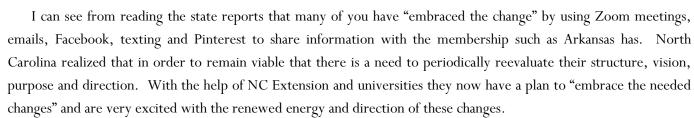


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The same is true with us. As we grow and develop, we go through a variety of necessary changes. Some changes, similar to shedding down and growing feathers, might seem difficult but our faith provides us with what we need. I read once that if we are not willing to adapt to change – we will be edging our way to quicker death. Nobody wants that! So, we must adhere to our conference theme – Plant Many Seeds – Embrace Change!



Happy anniversary to Illinois and Florida! 100 years! That is exciting as is the 110 years of West Virginia and 103 years of South Carolina. May your next chapters be as successful as the previous! Florida and Illinois you are literally starting new chapters in your organizations, continued success to each of you.

Michigan, South Carolina, Illinois, and Indiana all mentioning growth in membership. Wisconsin is looking into ways to better promote WAHCE in their state. West Virginia reports membership is remaining steady. I cannot forget Kentucky who takes the prize for "planting those seeds" as they have had another successful year and gained in membership. How many years now in a row has that happened, Brenda? All of you keep tossing those seeds out there and soon the harvest of new members will begin!

Let's talk about all those volunteer hours that have been reported by seven of the states. I totaled 2,112,525 hours from your state reports. At an average of \$32.16 that is \$67,938,804.00 almost \$68 million! That is a huge impact that we are having on our communities – kudos to all of you.

Arkansas, West Virginia, South Carolina and Kentucky continue to work with their state's 4-H programs. These states assist financially as well as volunteering to the 4-H program. Like Pat Breznay, said in her state report, "4-H members are our leaders of tomorrow." I will add to this by saying and a lot of future members to our organization!

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"Judge not by your harvest, but by the seeds you planted" PLANT MANY SEEDS ~ Jane Chapman ~ NVON President

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We are planting the seeds by working with the 4-H program not only to our future members but what about their parents – possible potential members now?

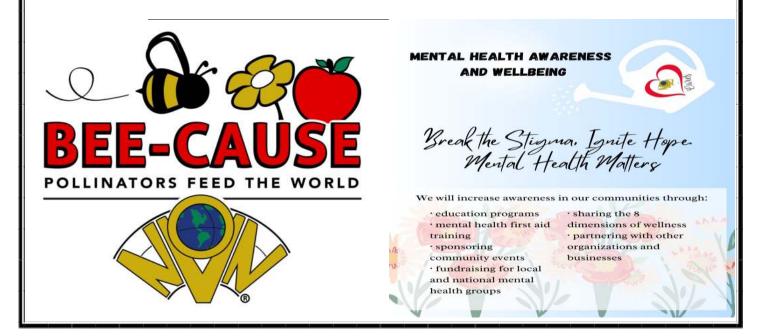
I am over whelmed by the amount of money that Kentucky - \$45,000- and Indiana - 10 x their \$25,000 goal - raised for Ovarian Cancer Research! I recall in the Kentucky report that to date they had contributed \$1.67 million dollars to the research program. It doesn't stop there with the generosity - Wisconsin reaches out worldwide to help the people of Nicaragua with their bee hives and providing tools for gardening. That brings me to the Project in Common that we are currently participating in - BEE-CAUSE Pollinators Feed the World. This project has not only helped the underprivileged countries of the world by providing beehives to the them, but the awareness the project has brought to our communities is amazing. I hear more people talking about taking care of the pollinators by planting pollinator plants and just thinking greener now than ever before! Maybe because they know that if we don't save the pollinators, we won't have chocolate is the reason for their concern! But whatever it takes!

As I start the downhill side of my term as president – I am can relate to the eagle and their development of feathers – I am feeling more comfortable, more educated, and still very enthused about NVON. I feel I am about full feathered and ready to fly. I am looking forward to the new Project in Common as I feel we have an enormous problem with mental health in this country today and our membership can make an impact on it by making people aware with information. Just as we made people aware of the pollinator problem we have through the previous project in common. I encourage you all to continue to plant those seeds as NVON has members that are truly blessed with knowledge, talent, and love to socialize – what more could one ask for?

I want to leave you with this – "Advice from a Sunflower" —Know your roots. Spread seeds of happiness. Rise, shine, and hold your head up high. Keep your face to the sunshine. Keep growing!"

Plant many seeds!

Thank-you! Jane



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STATE REPORTS

Arkansas has 75 counties which are divided into 3 districts: Delta with 62 clubs, Ouachita with 78 clubs and Ozark with 101 clubs. We have a total of 241 clubs and 2805 members statewide.

Volunteer hours for the past year totaled 398,147.5 hours statewide, with each club choosing their own projects. Some of these were Teaching Dolls for local hospitals, pillows, blankets and other items

for heart and cancer patients, homemade bags, blankets and other items for the homeless or foster children, and numerous workshops to teach skills like canning, sewing and crafts. In Arkansas, each volunteer hour is valued at \$33.49, for a total value statewide of \$13,333,959.80. In 2023, EHC groups awarded 27 scholarships with a total value of \$15,550.

We are still feeling the impact of Covid 19 with an increased use of technology to stay connected. Many members now share information via email, text, Facebook, and Pinterest. Some groups are meeting on Zoom and Facebook live as well as in person. Our webpages and material have been updated for accessibility. Currently we have 538 subscribers to our text group, 495 subscribers for the email list and 1526 followers to our Facebook page.

In many counties, EHC partners with 4-H to help teach skills to the youth in our communities. We assist with 4-H club activities and with judging the O'Rama Competitions at the County level. This also lets the older youth know that there is a group they can join as they age out of 4-H to continue their continuing education and leadership development and it helps foster continuing community service projects.

To read more of Deb Teague, AEHC President 's report, please visit www.nvon.org

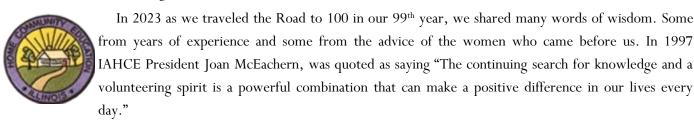


For the 2023 annual report, the Florida Association for Home & Community Education (FAHCE) is proud to highlight a variety of ways that our membership continues to fulfill our mission of strengthening individuals, families, and communities through continuing education, developing leadership and community action. While our membership numbers are not large, we held a steady membership ending the year with 165 members in 12 counties. Those 165 members reported a total

of 16,030 CVUs (Community Volunteer Units) providing support to their communities through a variety of educational programs, outreach events and hands-on demonstrations. Through these efforts, 28,730 individual people were impacted. Additionally, the membership actively supported many local non-profit agencies through donations of time, money and talents. Some of the many projects and events included: ~ Bibs for Nursing Homes and Elementary School Exceptional Students ~ Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Luncheon for Senior Citizen Centers ~ 4-H Sewing Workshops ~ Personal Hygiene Kits for Domestic Violence Shelters ~ Donations of diapers, wipes and other baby items for Pregnancy Centers ~ Peanut Butter Drive for local food pantries with matching donation from Peanut Grower's Association ~ Participation in County and State Fairs to demonstrate heritage skills ~ Donations of school supplies to local area schools FAHCE passively supports the community through collection of items that are typically disposed of: ~ Outdated prescription eyeglasses for the Lion's Club ~ Pop Top Tabs for Ronald McDonald House ~ Used greeting cards for St. Jude's Children's Hospital Arts program ~ Cell phones for Domestic Violence Victims Fundraising efforts include Spring and Fall Bingo Sessions, Quilt Giveaways, and Raffle Basket Sales.

To read more of Diane Kuzirian FAHCE President's report. Please visit www.nvon.org.

Greeting from the state of Illinois!



The year-end reports show that our members made a positive difference by providing quality educational lessons and programming which resulted in once again holding steady with minimal loss and much gain! IAHCE ended with 64 counties; 4,056 members; 322 Actual Gains; and a net loss of 80.

In 2023 HCE members once again provided support in their communities! Twenty counties reported serving approximately 323 community organizations with approximately 179,806 items donated. Fifty-seven counties reported a total of 412,291 CVH (Certified Volunteer 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, etc.! This does not account for county scholarships given to deserving Illinois students nor monetary donations to various organizations throughout Illinois. IAHCE gave \$500 scholarships to four qualified high school graduates.

To read more of Angela Hicks IAHCE President 's report, please visit www.nvon.org

giving, because the blessings received are more that we give.

Indiana Extension Homemakers marked their 111th year at their Home and Family Conference in June, 2024. We continue to work on our mission statement: "Strengthening Families through Continuing Education, Leadership Development and Volunteer Community Support". Each county has offered many educational lessons, volunteered at local charities, and has worked on leadership activities. In addition, we support many state organizations, such as the Riley Hospital Cheer Guild, Indiana Organ Donor Prayer Shawl program, as well as the Center for Families Organization from Purdue University, and the First Books Reading Program for pre-kindergarten age children. In each case, we end up receiving way more that we are

This year we focused on "Getting Connected and Staying Connected", or the internal need we have to share our lives with others. IEHA is a natural venue for accomplishing this need. If Covid showed us anything, it was that we need people, friends and family. IEHA focuses on developing a small group environment (the local club) through common interests, or specialized activities, such as quilting or book clubs, there is a place for everyone to belong. We also learned to continue to develop relationships with each other through sharing ourselves and our interests.

IEHA also offers a statewide perspective by organizing two meetings in each of 10 districts to share information from each club, county, district and state organizations. Each district meeting had its own theme, from Rosie the Riveter, Women in History, Faith, Family and Friends to the impact and rewards received from intergenerational meetings.

To read more of Peg Peter, outgoing IEHA President 's report, please visit www.nvon.org

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My second year as President of KEHA has been a great one. I have seen many of our members step up to leadership roles and take responsibility where it was needed. Attending 12 of our 14 area meetings was especially rewarding. As president, meeting members and visiting across the state has been a wonderful experience. I witnessed recognition and awards given to reward members for their contributions and

volunteer hours in their communities. Several attendees of the Kentucky Leadership Academy held in March 2023 have stepped up to take offices at the county, area, and state levels. This training is working. This is evidence of strong programs and growth of individuals. Recovery efforts are still ongoing in Western Kentucky from the multiple tornadoes and Eastern Kentucky from the devasting floods last year. Progress is happening!

Our state membership increased again this year to 11,310 members. Our dedication to the University of Kentucky Ovarian Cancer Research has been outstanding. We donated nearly \$45,000 this year. To date we have donated over \$1.67 million dollars to this research program. Our scholarship program is strong with several state and many local scholarships given each year. In Leadership Development, our members reported over 720,000 volunteer hours this year. If converted to dollars per hour, this would be worth \$19.3 million dollars donated to our communities. You make a huge difference!

Officer and chairperson training was reported in all clubs, counties, and all 14 areas. Parliamentary procedure was taught and implemented in most clubs. Many individuals stepped up to present lessons and crafts who had not done so in the past. Most clubs reported they had taught the lessons provided by the University of Kentucky on the subjects that the members themselves had requested when surveyed. Some of the lessons were: technology updates, fraud and scam prevention, leadership skills, edible plants, gardening techniques, physical exercise, healthy eating habits, mental health, food preservation, and many more.

To read more of Brenda Hammons, KEHA President 's report, please visit www.nvon.org



After the 2023 NVON Conference MCEO continued to plan our 2024 Convention for the first week of October. Hosted by East Central District, it was held in Owosso, Michigan.

At the Board Meeting during Convention our president resigned as of December 31, 2023. She had one more year in her term. The MCEO Board appointed me to complete that term.

Another change that occurred at that meeting was to combine the North Central and West Upper Peninsula Districts into one. Its name is the Northern District. There are now only four Districts in the State. A new District Director was appointed to cover the Northern District.

Our membership for this year is somewhat higher than last year's at 150.

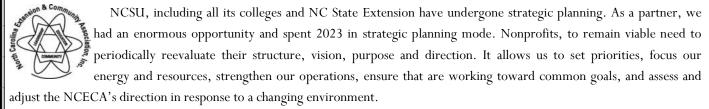
Throughout the winter our convention committee has worked on the 2024 Convention. The site of the Convention is Albion, Michigan, located in Southwest District. The theme is "Everything Old Is New Again". It will be held the first week of October.

Three newsletters have been produced since the last NVON Conference. Copies can be found on our website. www.mceo.website

In May our District Meetings were held. The Executive Committee attended all four of these meetings. Our Vice-President of Education prepared a morning presentation for all districts called "The Newest Craze...Anxiety", about anxiety in teens and Children.

To read more of Sheri Drake, MCEO President's report, please visit www.nvon.org

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During the process, we worked with Community and Rural Development specialists at NCSU. We surveyed agents and our membership via a paper evaluation. We presented and had focus groups with our FCS Agents, those with ECA in their counties and those without. We held both virtual and in-person sessions for our members. Once we gathered the information, a Strategic Plan was developed, tweaked, voted on at State Conference and tweaked some more! In January 2024 we began the journey of implementing the plan.

Our Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and other documents had to be revised and will be voted on at our State Conference in July.

We are excited about the energy and direction that NCECA is taking. We have loosened our archaic requirements for leadership that were put in place when most of our members were stay at home housewives. Most of our members now come from the world of work and bring with them many leaderships skills and organizational knowledge. We also will embrace technology by offering more virtual learning opportunities and lessons on demand. The attendance at our five district meetings averages about two or three times the number attending State Conference; therefore, our State Conference will be a biennial event with more emphasis placed on beefing up our district meetings. During this time our long time NCSU Association Advisor underwent a change as well.

To read more of Wanda Denning, NCECA President's report, Please visit www.nvon.org



Did you ever think you would belong to an organization that was 103 years strong? What was the attraction to join? How long have YOU been a member? Have you recently asked someone to attend a meeting and have them join YOUR club? SCFCL has increased by 51 new members totaling 501 members so far this year. Maybe your club or county can organize a "membership drive" or "party" inviting someone from your church, a neighbor or a friend to visit. They might be your next NEW

MEMBER.

SCFCL gives "Individual Membership Certificates" to members who have reached the 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, and, 70 year marks in membership. At the end of last year, we awarded 6 (25 year certificates), 4 (30 year certificates), 4 (40 year certificates), 2 (45 year certificates) and 5 (65 year certificates). Now where can you find wonderful, interesting, long time, dedicated members like these if you don't recruit them?

In January, we initiated an old project of keeping track of our volunteer hours. It has been many years since we kept track. We updated our old forms, introduced them to our members, and placed the forms on our website for easy access. Each county has a representative to complete the online form in June and December. More than half the counties filled out the forms and we're very pleased with the times recorded. Since January 1, our members have volunteered 8,057 hours @ \$31.50ph for a total of \$253,805.00 donated free toward communities in our state.

A suggestion from several members at a district meeting last year was to receive the by-annual newsletters by email (Go Paperless).

To read more of Pat Breznay, SCFCL President's report, Please visit www.nvon.org

The West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service has reached another milestone in their history. In 2024, our organization is celebrating 110 years of strengthening homes, and positively influencing our communities through leadership and volunteer programs.

As the 2023-24 President of the West Virginia Community Educational Outreach, I have had the privilege of traveling throughout the state to various area meetings, planning meetings, conferences, etc. and have met positive, active members who are working to promote continuing education, leadership development and community involvement.

Membership numbers are holding steady with a total 2024 membership of 1803. 100 of these members are 50 year members and beyond.

Our Marketing and Membership Committee's main objective is to recruit and retain members by increasing motivation and communication, and branding and revitalizing our organization.

As a part of our Families and Health Committee's Plan of Action, members have made and contributed care kits to various agencies for displaced children, awarded 4-H camp scholarships, provided tray favors for local nursing homes and hospice centers, made monetary and food items donations to food pantries throughout the state, contributed to "Blessing Boxes" for the needy, supplied drinking water to local fire departments, etc.

Our Continuing Education Committee strives to promote educational opportunities for all.

To read more of Clinedda Austin, WVCEV President's report, please visit www.nvon.org



We have a new Membership Chair, Sheryl Smith. She has come up with a lot of new ideas to promote our origination. One of them is to put signs up in our yards that say HCE Member Lives Here. They are like the ones that say 4-H member lives here. We have ordered 100 of these signs to sell at conference this year.

Southeast has been busy working on the conference, for this year. It will be at the Paper Valley Hotel and conference Center in Appleton. It's called Experiencing the Magic of HCE.

We will have 2 educational programs. First one is called Milk, Mail, and Medications. It's about preparing to care for the what, why and how of supporting a loved one through a health crisis. Second one is called Social Isolation and Loneliness. The US Surgeon General has declared social isolation and loneliness a health crisis. Learn more about this epidemic and how to deal with it.

The WAHCE International Committee has sent money for the bee keeping through the Wisconsin/Nicaragua partners. In Nicaragua it cost about \$600.00 for 1 hive including the bee keeping equipment.

WAHCE is also sending gardening equipment to the Home and Community Centers in the villages in Nicaragua.

To read more of Eileen Gottbeheat, WAHCE President's report, please visit www.nvon.org





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