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PRESIDENTIAL THOUGHTS

As I write my last Presidential Thoughts I can say that I have enjoyed the adventure!

As spring shows up early this year (really, I'm not sure we had a winter in Trafalgar) but, I cannot say that I am disappointed! My crocuses have bloomed, my daffodils are blooming and my tulips are showing signs of life as well, I just love Spring!

Well, Spring District Meetings began March 7th in Dearborn County and finished up March 23rd in Grant County. Our speakers this spring gave good information on "Opportunities and Benefits of Using Local Farmer Markets." I want to thank the host counties for the hard work they each put in to make all the Spring District Meetings a success. Cindy Saferight, Stephanie Jerabek and I enjoyed our travels around the state and we thank those who hosted us for a night or provided a meal.

Home and Family Conference Committee has been and is working hard to plan the 2017 Conference. Be sure to read Jeanine Arnett's article in this Presidential Pointers about the Conference and plan to attend. We will be having plenty of fun and excitement June 5th - 7th. I want to let you know that on Tuesday evening, June 6, we each have the opportunity to go to the Melody Makers Concert. They will perform at St. Luke's, just 2 miles or so from the Sheraton, the cost is \$5.00 and you can pay for your ticket on your conference registration. On a side note, there is no transportation provided to the concert.

It truly has been my privilege to be your State President. For me to be able to travel to so many counties and to be able to make so many new friendships, I am overwhelmed. I knew this would be a great experience and it has been; thank you for making this adventure a year to never forget.

For me to see so many IEHA members with such enthusiasm for our organization I am encouraged that we will "Pass On to Others". I have seen so many do so much for others and that is what we are all about, so keep up the good work.

Again, thank you for your passion and dedication to Indiana Extension Homemakers Association. It has been an honor to serve you this year.

Cathy Cook
IEHA State President

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The Conference Committee has worked very hard to bring you another great conference. Monday the tour leaves the Sheraton early to travel to Kokomo where you will be touring Opalescent Glass, Greentown Glass Museum and Blondies Cookies. Lunch is included. Also, Monday there is a variety of Heritage Skills again. Monday evening you will have two activities in which you can participate. The first is “Clash or Connect? Do You Understand Personality Styles”; this is a “Real Colors” program. You will need to purchase the “Real Colors” booklet to participate. The other activity is “Benefits of Adult Coloring” color your world using your imagination.

Tuesday, we will have the Continental Breakfast before the Business Meeting. After the Business meeting, we will be having a lunch buffet so you don’t need to rush to the Mall for a meal. The concurrent sessions begin on Tuesday afternoon, including the Presidents’ Roundtable and the Secretary/Treasurer Roundtable. We also will have a Membership session and Riley Cheer Guild Music Therapist, Lauren Servos, will tell us about how they use music to help with pain and other aspects of her job. Tuesday evening you can carpool to St. Luke’s United Methodist Church to hear our very own Melody Makers. You can carpool there to hear their awesome concert, as transportation is not included in your ticket price. The church is about a ten-minute drive west of the Sheraton on 86th Street. Sign up on your registration form for \$5. Tickets at the door are \$10.

Wednesday morning starts with a plated breakfast followed by keynote speaker Sam Glenn, “Be Your Own Superhero”. I’m not going to say any more except that it will be entertaining. After the keynote speaker, we will have crafts and gift ideas for you. In the afternoon, we have more sessions. We will close out the 2017 Conference with a Gala Dinner and installation of our new President, Stephanie Jerabek.

There will be the usual Cultural Arts, Silent Auction, LOGO sales and Vendors for you to check out. If you have any questions you can always ask your District Representative. If she doesn’t know the answer she will find out for you.

We are asking that you sign up for your sessions again this year. It worked very well last year. We will have the trifold set up so that you can check to see who all is in that session with you. The font size will be larger as requested. We are also working on a message center board.

The registration forms were mailed out to everyone who registered last year. In that packet was all the information about sessions and heritage skills. Here is the link to the Purdue Extension website where you get another registration form and read about the speaker and the presenters of the concurrent sessions and see the daily agenda.

<http://www.purdue.edu/hhs/extension/programs/detail.aspx?programId=42&category=about>

The Conference Committee hopes to see you at the Sheraton Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis June 5th – 7th for our Home & Family Conference. There will be plenty of fun and fellowship and opportunities to learn and grow.

Jeanine Arnett
Conference Chair

MEMBERSHIP FOCUS COMMITTEE

The Membership Activity Committee met for a second-time February 9, 2017. The agenda was to have a session at the 2017 Home & Family Conference and a table top display.

Once again, the committee came with lots of plans and excitement! There will be a session at H&F Conference on Tuesday or Wednesday. It will be titled "The Magic of Membership, your IEHA story". All Districts have been mailed a form for Homemakers to write their story of how long they have been a member, how did they become a member, what is the magic of their membership and what is their favorite thing about Homemakers!! All of the District Reps were to collect these stories by March 28, 2017. The session will include live persons telling of their Membership story. Come hear and see how they became involved and then how you can go and share your enthusiasm about getting more individuals to join!

The table display will include Ms. E. Go from every District and a photo of the special event where new members joined. Remember there is a \$100 incentive to the county with a photo and the most percentage member increase.

Membership Matters --- We need More Members (M&M's)

Donna Koch
Chair

IEHA SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction held during Home and Family Conference is designed to raise money for the general fund and to help defray Conference costs. Each District, county, club and/or individual member is asked to provide items or baskets of items for the Silent Auction. These items may be new or slightly used. The Auction is a voluntary activity. However, the more who participate, the more fun and profitable it will be.

No pre-registration is needed. Check-in is Monday 1-5 pm.

1. Entries must be ready for display.
2. Entries must have a visible identification tag.
3. Baskets need a list of items placed where it is visible.
4. Bidding will be by name.
5. The winner will be the last name on the bidding sheet.
6. All payments are due at time of pick-up.
7. Cash or checks payable to IEHA are accepted.
8. We do not accept credit cards.

Suggested Items – Be Creative!

Baskets, Quilts, Needlework, Craft Items, Paintings, Jewelry, Antiques, etc.

Cathy Donaldson
Silent Auction Chair

COUNTY PRESIDENTS' ROUNDTABLE

Congratulations to all County Presidents who are serving our organization for the 2017-2018 program year! We are in for a great year of educational programs, expanding leadership activities and continued community service. If this is your very first time serving as a county president, don't be frightened. You can do it! We are here to support and guide you as you help to grow our organization. If you are a seasoned officer, we never stop growing and, with your help, we are ready to expand our membership and renew and refresh our organization with updated information. Either way, we thank you for your willingness to serve and lead and look forward to a successful year.

The 2017 Home and Family Conference will be at the Sheraton Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis, June 5, 6, & 7. Our Presidents' Roundtable is set for Tuesday, June 6, 2017. We will meet in Plaza A from 1:45 pm to 2:45 pm. Each County President is invited to attend. Your attendance is important! Please plan to attend the entire session. If you cannot attend, I am asking that you would send one person to represent your county at the Roundtable. Due to the room size, I would ask that you have only one person representing your county attend the Roundtable.

During our meeting, you will receive a president's packet with very important information for the program year. You will not need your President's "Blue Book" so don't bring them to Conference. You will meet with your District Representative at your fall planning meeting and will review updates to the "Blue Book" at that time. We will have an opportunity to share information and you will have the opportunity to meet other County Presidents, District Representatives, and State Officers.

I encourage you to attend all or as much of Home and Family Conference this year as possible. This Presidents' Roundtable is the first step in making the 2017-2018 program year a success! I am looking forward to meeting each of you and to getting off to a great start!

Stephanie Jerabek
President Elect

GALA BANQUET

The Gala Banquet will be on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 in the Plaza Ballroom. The Theme is "To Pass onto Others". Come help celebrate the end of a great year and share with others what you have done to "Pass onto Others". After the meal, we will install the 2017-2018 Board members as well as recognize award winners. The Cultural Arts winners will also be announced at this time. The Banquet is included in your full registration price.

Please come and enjoy a fun filled evening and go home with more ideas "To Pass onto Others!"

Beth Caudill
Gala Banquet Chair

19th ANNUAL NVON CONFERENCE

National Volunteer Outreach Network
Lifelong Learning: New Ideas & Knowledge for a Newer You
July 18-20, 2017
Sheraton Raleigh Hotel Downtown
Raleigh, North Carolina

2017 Conference Tours-
Tuesday, July 18, 2017 –
Ava Gardner Museum & Tobacco Farm Life Museum

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 –
The U.S. Army Airborne & Special Operations Museum

Thursday, July 20, 2017 –
James B. Hunt Jr. Library & State Farmer's Market

Thursday, July 20, 2017 –
North Carolina Museum of Art

Sessions, Workshops and the Business Meeting await you at Raleigh, North Carolina. There is something for everyone so make plans to attend the 19th Annual NVON Conference.

This will be a great time to share and exchange ideas with the other states: Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wisconsin. At the business meeting each state gives a summary of their accomplishments in helping others not only in their state, but worldwide. We all have the same goal to help those in need. Stephanie Jerabek and Cindy Saferight will be representing Indiana at the Conference. Stephanie uses your county president's reports preparing her report at NVON.

More information is available for NVON Conference at www.nvon.org to find out more information on the Conference. See the "Links" page on the IEHA website to go directly to the NVON website.

Cathy Cook
IEHA State President

MARKETING & LOGO

The Marketing & Logo Committee met in February during Focus Day and selected the new items which will be available at Home & Family Conference in Indianapolis for our June Conference. This year we will be again featuring the incoming State President's pin and her t-shirt. And, we will have the following items available for sale: small heart shaped pillbox, golf umbrellas, coin purse, a new style of ink pen, tape measure, apron, a house shaped letter opener, a scarf with two pockets and a new large tote. We have also reordered the credit card cases, member pins & small portfolios. We will be open on Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday

from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will be setting up on Monday starting at noon and may open for a time after set-up.

Joni Rich, Logo Chair

Bev Waltz, Logo Inventory

CULTURAL ARTS 2017

Use your imagination! Be inspired, be creative!

Make an item to be displayed in the Cultural Arts Room at Home and Family Conference. Each county should select the best entry in their county, then bring it to the Conference. There are four divisions: 1. Quilts 2. Needlework 3. Miscellaneous 4. Homemade hats

The special project for the 2017 Conference is “wearable homemade hats”. Purchased hats that have been embellished are not allowed. Make a hat from any medium, any style and decorate. The hat must fit the description, “wearable homemade hat”. Looking forward to seeing the hats at the Home and Family Conference June 5-7, 2017.

Helen Brown

Cultural Arts Chair, Fort Wayne District Representative
