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PRESIDENTIAL THOUGHTS

The first six months have flown by so quickly and I'm having a very good time. In July I was the Indiana Delegate at the NVON Conference in Martinsburg, West Virginia. We had 26 attendees from Indiana. NVON is always informative and educational.

In August Cathy Cook and I traveled the state to the 10 District Meetings. The host counties did a wonderful job planning and decorating the meeting places. They also arranged for our overnight stays. Thank you to the District Representatives for all their hard work. The topic this fall was Domestic Violence. I hope everyone learned something from the presenters. This is a topic that is really tough to discuss.

In September I represented Indiana at the CWC/ACWW Area Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Past State President Joni Rich was my co-pilot and we had a lot of fun on the trip. CWC celebrated its 75th Anniversary. We had ACWW World President Ruth Shanks as one of our speakers. We got an update about the Triennial to be held in Warrick, England next August. It should be educational and exciting!

I have visited a few counties this fall and have a few counties on my calendar for next spring. If you would like for me to visit, give me a call or send me an invitation.

The Conference Committee and I are busy planning Home and Family Conference for 2016. We have signed a contract for the keynote speaker on Wednesday morning. It will be Dick Wolfsie from Indianapolis. More details about Home & Family are in another article in this newsletter.

I know that by the time you receive this the Holidays will be over. My wish for everyone is to have a great and wonderful New Year!!

Hugs to all,
Jeanine Arnett
IEHA State President

CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

As the cost of higher education continues to increase, IEHA is pleased to be able to offer 8 Career Advancement Scholarships to those 25 years of age or older. This is to assist in paying for continuing education or upgrade vocational skills. Scholarships will be awarded with regard to financial need.

The \$500 scholarships that are being offered are:

- 5 General Career Advancement Scholarships
- 2 Eleanor Arnold Scholarships (Must be an Indiana Extension Homemaker Member)
- 1 Ann Hancock Scholarship (Must be seeking a medical field degree.)

Requirements for Applicants

- Must be a 25 years of age or older homemaker and a resident of Indiana.
- Must be admitted, or cleared for admission, to an accredited academic or vocational school with a state license.
- Must complete a current application form available in County President's Blue Book, at the county Extension Office, or on the IEHA website.
- Application must be postmarked by March 15, 2016, and sent to Marcia Dodge.

*Note – Former winners may apply again.

County Presidents, please make this information available to all your members and publicize in your local newspapers. IEHA looks forward to receiving many outstanding applications. We wish each applicant success in their educational endeavors.

Marcia Dodge

IEHA Past State President

CONFERENCE TABLE DISPLAYS

Does your county have a project, program or idea that they would like to share with homemakers all over Indiana? Yes, well a Conference Table Display at Home and Family Conference is what you want to apply for! Last year we had some fabulous ideas and information. We would love to showcase your county's special projects and ideas.

Each selected display will have a display-ready six (6) foot table. Only one table per display unless another table is requested and authorized. You must use the top of the table only, no floor decorations or easels. The tables will be in a hallway so that all may walk past and enjoy, therefore, no valuables are to be displayed on the tables.

The Display Table application can be found on the IEHA website under Program/Forms, from your District Representative, or in the IEHA Blue Book. Applications will be judged on originality, merit and homemaker involvement. Should an application not be accepted this year, it cannot be the same project the following year. Those selected will be notified by mail.

We look forward to seeing your successful programs, projects and ideas!

DEADLINE: All applications must be received by April 1, 2016. Applications should be sent to Barbara Tuttle.

Barbara Tuttle
Conference Table Chairperson

2016 CULTURAL ARTS SPECIAL PROJECT

The special project category for Cultural Arts at Home and Family Conference continued to be very successful as evidenced by the number of Christmas ornaments entered in 2015.

For 2016, the Committee has selected Pillows as its special project. We ask that the pillows be handmade and no larger than 16 inches by 16 inches. The committee asks that no kits be used to create the pillow. Pillows may be in any shape desired, but must be recognizable as a pillow. Purchased pillow forms may be used. Each county may enter one pillow in the special project category. Attendees will be able to vote for their favorite pillow. *No Puppy Pillows will be accepted.*

The other Cultural Arts categories will remain the same:

Quilts – full sized quilts, crib/baby quilts

Needlework – needlepoint, counted cross stitch, embroidery, crewel embroidery

Crafts/Miscellaneous – all items not included in one of the above categories

Each county may submit one entry in one of the aforementioned categories, plus one entry in the special project category.

It's time to get your creative juices flowing and craft some wonderful items for display at Home and Family Conference in Indianapolis, June 13-15, 2016!

Jan Gogel
Cultural Arts Chair

ARE YOU YOUR DISTRICT'S NEW DR?

Would you like to meet other Extension Homemakers from around the state? Then consider applying to become a District Representative for the coming years 2016-2018. Your term of service will begin July 1, 2016.

The districts electing new District Representatives, aka "DRs", at their Spring District meetings are; Bedford, Evansville, Indianapolis, Kokomo, & Terre Haute.

A District Representative must have served as a County President and be recommended by his/her county and will serve a 2 year term. The nomination form can be found in the "Forms" section of the County Presidents' and Educators "Blue Book", or on the IEHA website. If you use the website select Programs/Forms and under the title "State Forms" you'll find the District Representative Application Form. The nomination form must be sent to your current District Representative and the current President-Elect by February 15, 2015.

Being a “DR” is a learning experience and you will learn more about our organization, its past and plans for the future. You will make many new friends. The DR’s meet with the Executive Board in July, October, February, April and June and attend Home and Family Conference. These meetings are mandatory for all District Representatives.

Cathy Cook
President-Elect

FIRST TIMER AWARDS – 2016

We are searching for those “First Timers” to attend Home and Family Conference, June 13-15, 2016! Another exciting Conference is being planned and will be held once again in Indianapolis. Each year we are able to recognize some very important Extension Homemakers. These individuals will be attending the Conference for the very “First Time”. Think back...can you remember attending Home and Family Conference for the first time? I remember my first time which was over 30 years ago. How excited I was to attend. I was accompanied by two very “seasoned” Extension Homemakers who showed me around and help me navigate the Conference. Each of us has a job to do by encouraging Extension Homemakers in our counties to apply for this experience.

Ten State First Timer awards will be given again in 2016 (one from each District). The award amount is \$150 to apply to registration/conference expenses. The application may be found in the Blue Book of your County President or is available from the local county Extension Educator, District Representative, or the IEHA website. Remember, applications are due to the County President by the county’s designated date. Once the county selects their winner, the winner’s application is due to the District Representative by March 8. The District Representative then must report the District winner to the IEHA State First Timer Chair, Lois Ketterer by April 1, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Lois.

Lois Ketterer
First Timer Chair

Remember, the 2016 Home & Family Conference is **Monday through Wednesday**.

SERVE IEHA ON A FOCUS GROUP OR ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

State President Jeanine Arnett’s theme this year has been Making Friends World Wide. As a state organization IEHA needs membership to serve on our Focus Groups and our Activity Committees to keep IEHA a strong organization with which people worldwide want to be friends. I truly would like to encourage you to share your talents and ideas by applying to serve on one of the seven state focus groups or activity committees.

The Focus Groups are: Education, Leadership, and Volunteer Community Support. The Activity Committees are: Marketing/Logo, Membership, Cultural Arts/Heritage Skills, and Silent Auction. All Focus Groups and Committees will meet in October 2016 at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Some Focus Groups and Committees will meet again in February 2017. The term is for one year with the possibility of serving a second consecutive year on the same committee. Information concerning each of these committees can be found in the Forms Section of the County Presidents’ and

the Educators' Blue Books. They are also available on the IEHA website; select Program/Forms scroll down to the Focus Groups and Activity Committees and select Focus Group Application.

Application Information and Requirements include:

All active members of IEHA are eligible. It is not necessary to have served as a county officer.

Committee members commit to attend Focus Days one or two times yearly. Focus Days are currently held in Noblesville, Indiana at the Hamilton County Extension Complex. All groups meet on Focus Days making car pools possible. Attendance at Home & Family Conference is required of members of some groups.

Applications are due to the President Elect at spring district meetings. A new application is required each year.

Applications can be mailed to Cathy Cook or brought to the Spring District Meeting. How wonderful it would be to have a representative from each district on each of the committees. These representatives would be great resources for each district. Serving on one of these committees offers the member an insight into how planning is done for state activities and a wonderful opportunity to develop leadership skills. Appointments to Focus Groups and Activity Committees will be made before the 2016 Home and Family Conference.

Cathy Cook
President-Elect

HOME & FAMILY CONFERENCE

Here are a few details for Conference.

Registration:

Full \$175.00 until May 10th (after the 10th \$195.00),

One day registration \$95.00

Reservation forms will be sent to all attendees who attended last year.

Hotel Rooms at Sheraton Keystone at the Crossing:

Single and Double \$113.00

Triple \$123.00

Quad \$133.00

Club Level

Single \$143.00

Double \$158.00

Triple \$173.00

Quad \$188.00

Free garage parking

Here is the link for hotel Reservations: www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/ExtensionHomemakersAssoc.
As a courtesy to all who want to attend PLEASE don't overbook.

HOST-A-HOOSIER

Each year I look forward to the Host-A-Hoosier program. Over the years I have traveled to many different counties and met many homemakers and learned about the activities in their counties. I hope your county will choose to participate in the program in the 2016-2017 program year. Applications can be found in the President's Blue Book or at the ieha-families.org web site. On the application you can indicate how far you would be willing to travel. Remember that you will need to be willing to travel over 50 miles in order to exchange with a county outside your district. You can also indicate if you would like to stay overnight and whether your county is willing to host guests overnight. This statewide opportunity to visit with other homemakers and participate in each other's programs gives us great ideas we can use in our own counties.

Applications are due by April 15, 2016 and should be mailed to Joanna Sell. Matches will be mailed to county presidents prior to Home & Family Conference.

Joanna Sell

Host-A-Hoosier Chair, Past State President

INDIANA DONOR NETWORK COMFORT SHAWLS

There have been a few emails about the Comfort Shawl project. The Indiana Donor Network contacted IEHA several years ago to ask for our help in making these shawls.

Shawl Details and requirements:

Only knitted or crocheted shawls.

Size requested is 24"-30" wide X 60"-72" long

With or without fringe

Please no triangle shaped shawls

You can use any pattern you would like. If you want a pattern they are in the Blue Book or on the Website. If you would like yarn you can call the Indiana Donor Network at 1-888-275-4676 and they will send you some.

We will be picking up completed shawls at the Spring District Meetings. Make sure to have your paper work completed when you bring them. That form can be found in the Blue Books or on the IEHA website under Programs/Forms. Scroll down to Volunteer Community Support to and print your copy.

Jeanine Arnett

INTERNATIONAL COINS FOR FRIENDSHIP

International Coins for Friendship is a voluntary contribution that supports the IEHA program to help create better understanding, goodwill, and friendship between people of Indiana and other countries. This voluntary contribution is taken up during county and district meetings. From this fund, we make annual donations to the Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship and Associated Country Women of the World.

This fund also pays for:

ACWW General Projects Fund

Dues to ACWW and CWC (County Women of the World)

Partial expense of IEHA President, President Elect, and Past President to attend
ACWW Triennial Conference

Partial expense of an IEHA member serving as a Chairperson or Officer on ACWW, CWC, or
National Volunteer Outreach Network Board

Exchange Homemakers

NICKELS FOR INDIANA LEADERSHIP

Nickels for Indiana Leadership is a voluntary contribution. All contributions to this fund stay in the state.

This fund helps:

Fund speakers at Home and Family Conference

Scholarships for I-Lead training (Indiana Leadership Education and Development)

District Representative training

To send IEHA representatives to the NVON Conference and other out of state conferences

County or District Treasurer should send both contributions to the State Treasurer annually and may be sent along with dues. The donations must be received before May 1st to be included in the current annual Conference report. Please include proper forms that are provided or available in the Blue Books and on the IEHA website.

Sharon Baldwin

State Treasurer

MELODY MEKERS 2016 FESTIVAL DAY

The Melody Makers of Indiana will hold their Annual Festival Day on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 100 West 86th Street in Indianapolis. The evening program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

RUTH B. SAYRE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Ruth B. Sayre was a farm woman from Iowa who spent many years traveling the world encouraging women in developing countries to pool their resources to help themselves. From 1947-1953 she served as the president of ACWW. In 1982 a scholarship was established to honor her.

The \$500 Scholarship is awarded to a resident of North or South America who demonstrates leadership ability and has financial need. Application forms are on the ieha-families.org website or in the President's Blue Books.

The completed application, two character references, an official transcript of grades, a summary of activities, financial need, and a photo of applicant is due by February 15 to State President, Jeanine Arnett.

SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

Spring District Meetings will start on Tuesday, March 8th in the Terre Haute District with Vermillion County as the host county. President-Elect Cathy Cook, Vice President Stephanie Jerabek, and I will be traveling this time. We will be picking up all of the comfort shawls that you finished over the winter. The HHS Educators will be presenting a program for us on Healthy Eating and Diabetes. It will be interactive and educational. Bedford, Evansville, Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Kokomo Districts will be electing new District Representatives.

The schedule for the District Meetings:

March 8	Terre Haute District	Vermillion County
March 9	Evansville District	Pike County
March 10	Bedford District	Scott County
March 14	Madison District	Ohio County
March 15	Indianapolis District	Johnson County
March 16	New Castle District	Blackford County
March 17	Kokomo District	Clinton County
March 22	Michigan City District	St. Joseph County
March 23	Lafayette District	White County
March 24	Fort Wayne District	Wells County

Jeanine Arnett

STATE OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Great opportunities await those who will step up to some leadership roles in IEHA. Every time you take a risk or move out of your comfort zone, you have a great opportunity to learn more about yourself and your capacity to lead.

A few years ago I wouldn't have thought I would ever have seen myself taking this path in life, but I took a chance and left my comfort zone. It has been an amazing journey in my life. This experience has been wonderful. I know there are others with leadership skills and ideas out there. We need these people in IEHA.

IEHA will elect a President-Elect, Vice President and Treasurer this year. The term for President-Elect and Vice President is one year, with President-Elect moving up to President the following year. Each of these must have served a full two-year term as District Representative. The Treasurer will serve a two-year term and must have been a County President to qualify.

Nomination forms can be found in the Blue Book under forms and online at the IEHA website. Just click on Programs/Forms, then under State Forms you will find the State Officer Application Form, and then click to print.

All applications must be sent to Marcia Dodge, by February 15, 2016.

I look forward to receiving nominations from members who are willing to be leaders in our organization. All qualified nominees will be slated for the election in June, so please complete those forms and have them sent in on time.

Marcia Dodge

IEHA Past State President

“TRAVELING WITH THE TREBLEMAKERS – BRANSON BOUND”

The Hendricks County Extension Homemakers’ Chorus, The Treblemakers, hit the “big time”!

They will be traveling to Branson, Missouri on October 10-14, 2016 to perform at 3 evening shows; Clay Cooper “Country Express”, “The Duttons” and “Moses”. They will be traveling by motorcoach with 4 nights lodging, 9 meals, and admission to 5 fabulous shows all for \$599 per person – double occupancy. If you would be interested in traveling with them contact Robert or Kathy Lane @ (765) 659-2705 or info@northwesttravel.net
