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PRESIDENTIAL THOUGHTS

Happy New Year to everyone! My year is officially half over and the first half has given me the opportunity to make many wonderful memories and be able to share some good ideas to help grow IEHA. Let me give a few highlights of this exciting journey as your IEHA State President.

July 19-21- I traveled to Normal, Illinois for the NVON Conference. At Conference, Stephanie Jerabek and I served as the Indiana delegates to the NVON. I was able to connect and reconnect with members from other states. I was very glad to enjoy time with many of the Indiana membership that traveled to the NVON Conference. This Conference is a really great time to learn and share information.

August 14th-I headed to Birmingham, in the United Kingdom for the ACWW 28th Triennial Conference. I was fortunate that my best friend and husband Gary was able to travel and share this awesome experience. We arrived in Birmingham on the 15th August and then travel by train to Coventry, UK. We arrived at the University of Warwick in early afternoon. The University was a great location for the ACWW Triennial Conference. The 28th ACWW Triennial Conference was held August 17th -23rd. After Conference, Gary and I and many others from the USA enjoyed a post tour to Scotland for 5 days. This Conference was attended by a large delegation of IEHA members and spouses. To say the least, the Triennial Conference was **awe-inspiring**. I was able to watch the opening ceremony; to hear the guest speakers; to hear the resolutions and recommendations discussed and I was able to be part of the decision-making body as a delegate for IEHA at the Conference; to attend the USA Area Meetings; to hear the Area President's reports; to hear the committee reports by the UN Committee, the Agriculture Committee, the Finance Committee, the Projects Committee, and the Triennial Committee; and to attend Conference sessions. I had time to meet new friends and renew friendships I had made in India at the 27th Triennial. These are many of the reasons why I say that this Triennial Conference was **awe-inspiring**. I want to thank Beverly Earnhart for her 6 years of service as the ACWW USA Area President. Beverly, you have contributed much to make ACWW and IEHA the great organizations that they are, and I am proud to be part of both. I want to congratulate Jo Almond and I wish her much success as the 2016-2019 ACWW USA Area President. I do want to say *Thank You* to everyone that supports the IEHA International Fund with your Coins for Friendship. These coins are what make it

possible for IEHA to send representatives to these Conferences. I am grateful to have been able to attend this 28th ACWW Triennial as your State President.

Starting September 13th, Stephanie Jerabek and I traveled around Indiana to the 10 Fall District Meetings. Each District Representative did an outstanding job working with the host counties and the Fall District Meetings were very successful. I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting as much as I did! I look forward to the Spring District Meetings coming up in March.

The first State Focus Day was October 6th, and the Focus Groups and State Committees met and were successful in their efforts that day.

Also in October, I was able to attend various programs in Union, Franklin, Decatur and Bartholomew Counties. I truly enjoyed each of these visits and I am looking forward to visiting many other counties before my term as State President is finished! If you would like for me to visit, contact me or send me an invitation.

On November 15th Stephanie Jerabek, Cindy Saferight and I attended the COFO Family Impact Seminar at the Indiana State House in Indianapolis. The topic for the seminar was: "The Future of Indiana: Reducing Risky Behavior of our Youth". The goal of the Family Impact Seminars is to inform Indiana policy makers of current research so they are able to make better decisions on behalf of families. IEHA is a member organization of the COFO.

On February 6th we will have the second State Focus Day.

Also remember that the Spring District Meetings will be coming up in March. Stephanie Jerabek, Cindy Saferight and I will travel the state together for 3 weeks. The following are the dates and locations for the Spring District Meetings:

March 7 th	Madison District at Dearborn County
March 8 th	Bedford District at Crawford County
March 9 th	Evansville District at Spencer County
March 14 th	New Castle District at Franklin County
March 15 th	Indianapolis District at Shelby County
March 16 th	Terre Haute District at Clay County
March 17 th	Lafayette District at Fountain County
March 21 st	Ft. Wayne District at LaGrange County
March 22 nd	Michigan City District at Starke County
March 23 rd	Kokomo District at Grant County

The Conference Committee for 2017 Home and Family Conference is busy making plans for a very exciting conference this year. The Conference will again be at the Sheraton Keystone at the Crossing, Indianapolis, IN. Conference dates will be Monday to Wednesday June 5th to the 7th, 2017.

Remember "to pass onto others..." and we all will benefit!

Hoping for a safe and successful New Year,

Cathy Cook

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. 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 25 years of age or older, a 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 or on the IEHA website: www.ieha-families.org
- Application must be postmarked by March 15, 2017, and sent to Jeanine Arnett
4928 State Road 1, Butler, IN 46721

*Note – Former winners may apply again.

County Presidents, please make this information available to all of your members and publicize in your local newspapers. IEHA looks forward to receiving many outstanding applications.

Jeanine Arnett

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? 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 from 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, 2017.

Sande Martin

Conference Table Chairperson

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATIONS

Passing onto Others? Here is your Chance!

Would you like to meet other Extension Homemakers from around the state? Then please consider applying to become a District Representative for the coming program years 2017-2019. Your term of service will begin July 1, 2017.

The districts electing new District Representatives, aka “DRs”, at their Spring District meetings are: Fort Wayne, Lafayette, Madison, Michigan City & New Castle.

A District Representative **must** have served as a County President and be recommended by his/her County and will serve a 2-year term representing your District. 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. Nominating signatures from your county’s officers are needed for you to be considered. The completed nomination form must be sent to your current District Representative and the current President-Elect by February 15, 2017.

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 contacts and learn more about IEHA’s role in Indiana and the world. DRs 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.

Stephanie Jerabek
President-Elect

FIRST TIMER AWARDS – 2017

We are searching for those “First Timers” to attend Home and Family Conference, June 5-7, 2017. There will be another exciting Conference to be held once again in Indianapolis. Each year we recognize some very important Extension Homemakers. These members will be attending our Conference for the very “First Time”. This is a very worthwhile experience for any member. Each of us has a job to encourage our fellow Homemakers in our counties to apply for this award. Perhaps this member will be your club member and you can show her around the Conference, as perhaps someone else did for you in the past.

Ten State First Timer awards will be given in 2017 (one from each District). The award amount is \$150.00 to apply to their registration/conference expenses. The application can be found in the Blue Book of your county president, extension office, District Representative, and on the IEHA website.

Remember applications are due to the county president by the county’s designated due date. Once the county selects its winner, the winner application is due to the District Representative by March 8, 2017. The District Rep. then must report the district winner to the IEHA State First Timer Chair, Vicki Lee by April 1, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki.
Remember, the 2017 Home & Family Conference is MONDAY through WEDNESDAY.

Vicki Lee
First Timer Chair

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

FOCUS GROUP & ACTIVITY COMMITTEES

IEHA President, Cathy Cook has charged us to “Pass onto Others” that which has benefited us as her theme this year. We all come with a wealth of knowledge and experiences that we can bring to the table. This organization runs on the cooperation of our members to provide guidance, leadership and service to help keep it strong. We encourage you to share your talents and ideas by serving on one of the seven state focus or activity committees.

The seven committees are: Education Focus, Leadership Focus, Volunteer Community Support Focus, Marketing/Logo Activity, Membership Activity, Cultural Arts/Heritage Skills Activity, and Silent Auction Activity. All committees will meet October 12, 2017 at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Noblesville and some will meet again in February 2018. The term is for 1 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. These forms are also available on the IEHA website: www.ieha-families.org. Select the Program/Forms tab to open and print.

Applications can be mailed to me or brought to the Spring District Meeting. This is your opportunity to represent your area of the state and its members. 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 2017 Home and Family Conference in June.

Thanking you, in advance, for your willingness to help make IEHA a strong organization with active programming for our members and our communities.

Stephanie Jerabek
President-Elect

HOME & FAMILY CONFERENCE 2017

Here are a few details for Conference.

Registration:

Full \$175.00 until May 1st (after the 1st \$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 \$122.00
Triple \$132.00
Quad \$142.00
Club Level (Including Corner Suite)
Single \$152.00
Double \$152.00
Triple \$162.00
Quad \$172.00

Last day to book a room is May 12th to get the Room Block rate.

Free garage parking

Here is the link for hotel Reservations:

www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/IndianaExtensionHomemakers

As a courtesy to all who want to attend PLEASE don't overbook.

HOST-A-HOOSIER

It is time to start planning for your county to participate in the Host-a-Hoosier program. By participating you will have an opportunity to share ideas, problem solve, travel, adventure, fun and fellowship with another county.

Invite two county officers (or more, if agreed upon by both counties) to visit your county. You may exchange with a county from another district. You have the opportunity to select the distance you would like to travel and whether you would be willing to stay overnight.

Objectives and Guidelines as well as an application can be found at: www.ieha-families.org. Please consider including your county in the fun and adventure of learning about other county Extension Homemakers.

Applications are due April 15, 2017 and must be mailed to Marcia Dodge.
Matches will be mailed to county presidents prior to Home and Family Conference.

Marcia Dodge

Host-A-Hoosier Chair, Past State President

INTERNATIONAL COINS FOR FRIENDSHIP

International Coins for Friendship is a voluntary contribution that supports IEHA program and helps to create better understanding, goodwill, and friendship between people of Indiana and other countries. From this fund IEHA makes annual donations to Associated Country Women of the World general projects funds and the Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship.

This fund also pays for:

- Dues to ACWW and Country Women's Council, U.S.A.
- Partial expenses of IEHA President, President Elect, and Past President to attend the ACWW Triennial Conference
- Expense for President and President Elect to attend CWC Conference
- Exchange Homemaker
- Partial expense of an IEHA member serving as a Chairperson or Officer on ACWW, CWC, or National Volunteer Outreach Network Board

NICKELS FOR INDIANA LEADERSHIP

IEHA leadership development is supported by voluntary contributions to this fund. All contributions to this fund stay in the state of Indiana.

This fund helps to pay for:

- Speakers at Home and Family Conference
- Scholarships for IEHA members to receive i-LEaD training (Indiana Leadership Education and Development)
- District Representative training
- Send IEHA representatives to NVON Conference and other out of state conferences

Contributions to Coins for Friendship and Nickels for Indiana Leadership should be sent to the State Treasurer annually. These contributions may be included when paying annual membership dues, but must be received by the State Treasurer Before May 1st to be included in the current year's annual Conference report.

Please include the proper forms with payments. These forms are available on the IEHA website and are also in the President's Blue Notebooks.

Jan Gogel
State Treasurer

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 in her honor. 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 County 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 15th to IEHA President, Cathy Cook.

STATE OFFICER NOMINATIONS

I hope several of you are considering applying for a State Officer position. It has been a wonderful experience and I think many of you are the leaders we need for the future of IEHA. At Home and Family Conference 2017 we will be electing a new State Secretary who will serve for 2 years. The applicant must have served as a county president.

We will also be electing a President Elect and a Vice President. Each of these offices are a one year term with the President Elect moving up to President and continuing to serve on the State Board the following year as Past State President. These candidates must have served 2 complete years as District Representatives.

Applications for these offices can be found in the Blue Book under Forms or at the IEHA website: www.ieha-families.org. The application can be found under the Programs/Forms tab. All applications must be signed by your local county president and secretary and postmarked by February 15, 2017. Mail to Jeanine Arnett.

All qualified nominees will be required to give a short speech at the Annual Business Meeting at Home and Family Conference on June 6, 2015. I encourage you to continue your IEHA adventure and take the opportunity to further develop your leadership skills and serve our great organization.

Jeanine Arnett

IEHA Past State President

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

The Membership Activity Committee met October 6, 2016 with 5 Districts represented. However, the campaign for new members began with introducing Ms. E.Go (Everyone Get One) at the Spring District Meetings. Every District has this mascot and is challenged to take pictures of their events with Ms. E.Go in the picture. There is a \$100 incentive for the county with the most new members and picture sent to me of their special event. All pictures will be showcased at Home & Family Conference, and the winner announced at that same time.

The 4 members present on October 6th, and one member submitting written suggestions for recruiting new members, have suggested the following for enlisting new members: creating a Facebook page, newspaper announcements on "upcoming events", contacting MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), speakers bureau, home schooled groups, working with realtors to distribute brochures, putting promotional materials in club houses of senior housing, community apartments, mobile homes and builders associations. Other places to contact with promotional material would be banks, credit unions, libraries, festivals and parades. The I CAN pilot program also offers opportunities to recruit new members, join an existing club or start a new club. Thanks to Anne Moore for taking such good notes during our 'jam session'.

Committee members also reviewed the current Plan of Action and made some revisions. The newly revised POA has been submitted to State President, Cathy Cook and President Elect, Stephanie Jerabek.

The Committee also suggested submitting an article in each of the Presidential Pointers.

Donna Koch
Membership Activity Committee Chair

