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PRESIDENTIAL THOUGHTS

Don't you just love Indiana winters? This one sure has been interesting; we wear a sweatshirt one day, followed by shorts and flip flops, and then a heavy winter coat, scarf and gloves. I love the seasons but this year even the flowers and trees are confused. Spring officially arrived on March 20th, and I'm anxious to see what will happen this season.

Our Spring District Meetings began March 8th with Cathy, Stephanie and I starting in Vermillion County and ending in Wells County. Thank you to all that hosted us for a night or for a meal, and to the counties that hosted our meetings. The program was "Don't Let Diabetes 'Jeopardize' Your Health" given by the HHS Educators. A very special thank you to these ladies!

Your Home & Family Conference Committee is working hard to make this Conference special. Since our move to Indianapolis, we are still learning how to make the most of the space we have rented. I am pleased to tell everyone that 150 members of the Melody Makers will be performing at our Gala on Wednesday evening, and trust me; you don't want to miss that. Thank you to the Melody Makers of Indiana Association Board, especially Jerry Morgan, for working so diligently with the IEHA Executive Board and me for this. I look forward to hearing you all sing for us for many more years.

Please check out the Conference Highlights article by Marcia Dodge. You may check out the schedule and sessions and a registration form at <http://www.purdue.edu/hhs/extension/programs/detail.aspx?programId=42&category=about>

It has been such a privilege to be your State President, to travel to so many different counties and to make so many new Homemaker friends. You all work so hard to fulfill our mission of educating, providing leadership, and volunteering. You all do so much to make your communities a better place to live.

In closing, my husband Chuck has put up with a lot; helping me load the car, answering the phone, walking around boxes when I'm getting ready to leave, meals missed and patience during this exciting year as State President. I would like to thank Chuck for all his love and support on my journeys with IEHA.

See you at Home & Family if not before. Hugs to all.

Jeanine Arnett

IEHA State President

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS 2016

Plans are nearly complete for Home and Family Conference on June 13, 14 & 15, 2016. This year's event begins on a Monday! It is being held at the Sheraton Keystone at the Crossing on the north side of Indianapolis.

On Monday, June 13th the Conference opens with a tour to the Indiana State Museum or an opportunity to participate in an assortment of Heritage Skill Classes.

Tuesday starts off with a continental breakfast being offered. It is followed by the Annual Business Meeting. Lunch will be on your own followed by various concurrent sessions. That evening dinner will be offered and it includes our entertaining Talent Show.

On Wednesday we will offer a brunch followed by our keynote speaker, then more concurrent sessions. Don't miss our keynote speaker Dick Wolfsie's presentation entitled "Why Humans Laugh". Dick takes a look at the joy and mystery of laughter. Why do humans enjoy jokes? What is it about the punch line of a joke that elicits the odd, universal sound we call laughter? Dick takes his 50 years of research into this topic as a writer, teacher, and TV host and turns it into a presentation that will make you think, and of course...laugh!

Our Gala and Officer Installation will close out this year's Conference on Wednesday evening. We are proud to announce that we will have 150 members of the Melody Makers of Indiana performing for us at our Gala.

This year attendees are requested to make choices of which sessions they would prefer to attend. If possible, please state at least a couple choices in each category. This will help us know ahead of time the number of persons in each session and will not have to worry about exceeding the fire marshal totals.

There will be opportunities to purchase Logo, view the Cultural Arts exhibits, bid on Silent Auction items, and visit the Vendor Room.

A Conference registration form and hotel information is available here on the web site under Programs/Forms. Come with enthusiasm for learning and seeing new things and enjoy making new friends and renewing past friendships. Bring some money to shop at Logo, Silent Auction, Vendor booths, and the Fashion Mall (which is attached to the Sheraton). Bring your swimsuit, too.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Marcia Dodge

IEHA Past State President

COUNTY PRESIDENTS' ROUNDTABLE

Congratulations to all County Presidents who are serving our organization for the 2016-2017 term! If this is your very first term as a county president, or if you are continuing for another term, thank you for your dedication to your county organization and to IEHA.

I have the privilege to invite each County President to the Presidents' Roundtable at Home and Family Conference. This year Presidents' Roundtable will meet on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, in Plaza A from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. I do hope you each will accept my invitation! Due to the room size please have only 1 person from each county attend the Roundtable.

I want to encourage you to attend all or as much of Home and Family Conference this year as possible. We will be at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing and the dates for Conference are June 13th, 14th & 15th.

During our meeting I will pass out President Packets with very important information. I will have information to share and you will have the opportunity to meet other County Presidents, District Representatives, and State Officers.

A note regarding your "BLUE BOOK" - they will not be needed at this roundtable!!! So, don't burden yourself carrying them to Conference. You will meet with your District Representative at your fall planning meeting and will update the "Blue Book" then.

I do want to say that Presidents' Roundtable is the first step in making the 2016-2017 year a success! I look forward to and I'm excited to meet with you and get off to a great start!

Cathy Cook
President Elect

2016 CULTURAL ARTS

It is hard to believe that Home and Family Conference will be here in just a few short months. The Cultural Arts Committee is excited to see the variety of items Extension Homemakers have crafted during the year.

Have you made your pillow yet? Pillows are the special project for 2016. We ask that the pillows be handmade, no kits and no larger than 16 inches by 16 inches. The 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.

The other Cultural Arts categories remain the same as previous years:

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.

Entry forms for Cultural Arts can be found here on the IEHA website. Counties may submit forms prior to Home and Family Conference, bring completed forms to Home and Family Conference or complete a form when checking in Cultural Arts items. Please use one form for regular Cultural Arts categories and a separate form for the Special Project pillow entries. Please note, the Cultural Arts committee requests a Conference contact phone number for the individual bringing the item.

I have heard from several individuals that they have already completed a pillow to enter and had a great time crafting their creations. The Cultural Arts Committee looks forward to having many wonderful items for display at Home and Family Conference in Indianapolis, June 13-15, 2016.

Jan Gogel
Cultural Arts Chair

MARGARET CHRISTENSON – 2016 EXCHANGE HOMEMAKER

IEHA will be hosting our 10th Exchange Homemaker this year. Our Exchange's name is Margaret Christenson from Ontario, Canada. She is the International Officer of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Margaret will be here from May 28 thru June 16. Yes, that is including Home and Family Conference. We want her to meet as many of our members as possible.

If you are unable to attend Conference we are seeking Host families from around the state to host Margaret. As you know from the past, hosting and planning a function for her around the state gives her the opportunity to meet members who may not be able to attend Conference.

The committee has issued a second call for Host Families. We are excited about her visiting our state and want her to experience all areas of Indiana. If you are interested in hosting please contact your district representative, county president, see "Programs/Forms" on this website or contact Jo Almond for the application form.

Jo Almond, Anne Moore and Shirley Wise
Exchange Homemaker Committee

GALA BANQUET 2016

Imagine if you will; you are on a journey, you are about to enter a ballroom filled with sights and sounds, a journey into a wondrous land of "Making Friends Worldwide".

As you enter, the sound of national anthems will play in the background. The décor will include globes, international flags and friends in silver and gold at every table. Each table guest will be represented by a different nation's flag. Each Conference attendee will have received a passport, encouraging them to make new friends. The Melody Makers will sing and a 50/50 drawing will conclude the evening.

The Gala Banquet and Officer Installation is Wednesday June 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Plaza Ballroom. The Banquet is included in your full registration. Be a part of the incredible journey.

See you at the Gala!

Cindy Saferight
Gala Banquet Chair

MARKETING & LOGO

This year's Marketing & Logo Committee is such a great bunch of ladies and made both of our meetings a very enjoyable time. THANK YOU all for everything you did for the Committee! We have restocked the paper products for logo – large & small notebooks, recipe cards and postcards. And we have also ordered new insulated grocery bags. We have a new ink pen style this year.

We decided on some new items for Home & Family Conference – 8 x 10 Portfolios, metal credit card holders, cell phone pockets, two sizes of the wooden cookie paddle, a wooden scraper/dough divider and license plates. We will also be taking orders at the 10 District Meetings for a Navy Blue Cardigan with a Gold IEHA imprint. These will be available for pick-up at Conference or mailed to your home with you paying the postage. The cardigans are all pre-ordered and pre-paid only.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Home & Family Conference. Please come and visit us in Logo. And if you have any extra time and would like to help us out we would be so happy for your help. If you don't make it to Conference some items may be available at Fall District Meetings.

Joni Rich
Marketing/Logo Chair

Melissa Mikesell
Marketing/Logo Inventory Chair

NVON CONFERENCE

The 18th Annual NVON Conference will be held July 19- 21, 2016 in Normal, IL at the Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 201 Broadway Avenue. Registration is \$140.00. If you would like more information go to www.nvon.org for the registration form and hotel link.

This would be a nice short trip if you have never been to an NVON Conference. Cathy Cook and Stephanie Jerabek will be the representatives for IEHA at this Conference.

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is one of the “fun” events at the Home and Family Conference. Anyone can enter. Donate items from your county, your club, or yourself. It could be a basket of items or a single item. Homemade crafts are great. According to the Health Department only commercially prepared foods are acceptable.

You can enter your items on Monday, June 13, between the hours of 12 noon and 5 pm in Suite D, or on Tuesday, June 14, between 8 and 9 am. Bidding will start on Tuesday at 11 am and go until 5 pm. Wednesday bidding will be from 11 am to 4 pm. Items can be picked up at 4:30 pm on Wednesday.

Get creative, last year a jar of pickles sold very well. All of the money raised goes to the general fund and helps defray costs of the Conference.

Come and join us at the Silent Auction and see what great things Extension Homemakers can do.

Megan McDonald

Silent Auction Chair
