Spring is here at last and I am ready to welcome my Hummingbirds! I enjoyed a lesson on hummingbirds at the State Conference last month, and am ready to hang up a feeder and watch for the first one to arrive. If you would like to attract hummingbirds to your yard, you may wish to visit www.hummingbirds.net for some ideas.

Linda Lavery, Sandy McKelvie and I attended the State Conference in Decatur, IL, March 18-20, where Adams County won four awards! Congratulations to Anne Willimann and Sandy McKelvie, whose Family Issues and Cultural Arts programs won awards. Also, Judy Milfs’ Hardanger Centerpiece entry won the People’s Choice Award in Heritage Needlework AND the Best of Show Award. Way to go!

Membership is still the main focus at the state level as well as in our county. Our membership has held steady this past year, but we need to spread the word that HCE has so much to offer and is a rewarding and fun organization to join. Let’s work together to keep HCE “cookin” in Adams County.

I hope to see you at our HCE Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 29, at the Paloma Community Building (see the story below). Unit Presidents should have your tickets and all the information. Some highlights of the evening will include our apron style show, our Scholarship Basket Raffle and the drawing for two lucky winners of the Membership Contest. HCE membership pins will be available for purchase, too. It is going to be a very enjoyable evening with good food, good entertainment and a good time with our HCE friends. We will do our best to get you out by 8:30 p.m.

Happy Easter to you and your family, may the joy and hope of the risen Lord remain in your heart.

Ginny Miller, 2013-14 ACHCE Board President

“Been Cookin’ 96 Years” is Theme of Annual Meeting

We will be celebrating your culinary skills at the Adams County HCE Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, at the Paloma Community Building. Doors will open at 5:30. In addition to our business meeting, we will give out awards and hear from District Director Mary Eustace. HCE members will be featured in an Apron Style Show for the evening’s entertainment, and every HCE member is asked to wear her favorite apron to the meeting.

The menu will be fresh garden salad, ham balls with pineapple topping, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls and assorted desserts.

Tickets are $11 and reservations need to be sent to your District Director before April 22. We hope to see you there!
Hello Ladies! And welcome Spring! I know this winter has caused several cancellations of unit meetings and activities and I believe we are all ready to get back into the swing of things. Just a short plea for each unit to send me articles and/or pictures about your meetings and activities. I am working on finishing up the scrapbook to present at the annual meeting in April. We want to have each unit represented in the scrapbook, a good way to “show off” what your unit has been doing. Adams County has been doing some fun and interesting programs and I think everyone will enjoy looking at the pictures and seeing what other units have been busy accomplishing. You can mail them to me at 515 N. 13th Street, Quincy IL 62301 or email them to Suzannem204@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, please call me at 217-653-2292. I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting. Suzanne Williams

Basket Raffle at Annual Meeting to Support Scholarship Fund

Pretty baskets containing great books, gift certificates, gardening items, food items and more will be raffled at this year’s Annual Meeting on April 29. This raffle is HCE’s only fundraiser for its scholarship program.

Each unit, quilt club and book club is asked to donate a themed basket. Please include your unit name on the basket and a list of items contained in the prize.

Tickets are $1 each or six for $5 and may be purchased at the door. Please plan ahead to have the correct money for the tickets.

Call Carol Lichtsinn, Ways & Means Chairperson at 217-334-5247 or email carol.lichtsinn@yahoo.com.

Find a Good Book with HCE Book Club

The HCE Book Club will discuss “Uncommon Clay” by Margaret Maron on Wednesday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Daylight Donuts (48th and Broadway). “Uncommon Clay” is #8 in the Judge Deborah Knott mystery series. May 21 is the date for the group’s last book discussion for this year, and the club will discuss “Where Are You Now?” by Mary Higgins Clark.

Anyone interested in the HCE Book Club, may contact Carrie Hempelman (217-222-4365) or Mary Voorhis (217-224-0084). Books are recommended by the library or club members and members always have diverse opinions and unique ideas about the authors and books.

Volunteer Hours Increase Dramatically

Adams County HCE members put in 19,198 volunteer hours in 2013. If you add to that the unused eligible hours from 2011 and 2012, our total was 27,170. That’s an increase of 15,711 over last year! Whether we put “Pike County in the Dust” or not, we can be proud of our accomplishment! Keep reporting your monthly volunteer hours to your units Family Issues person.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Carry-In Luncheon Slated for April 10

Grab your favorite apron and join us for a carry-in luncheon on Thursday, April 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building in Quincy for our last cultural enrichment activity of the year.

Bring your favorite salad or dessert along with your recipe to share with the group. After lunch we will have a speaker from the Genealogy Society speak to us about beginning a genealogy search of our own.

Call or email Virgene Banks at 217-223-3221 or virjr@att.net for reservations. Cost is $1.00. See you on the 10th!!

Quilt Club Invites New Members

The HCE Quilt Club will meet on Wednesday, April 9, and Wednesday, May 14, at 9 a.m. in the Farm Bureau Basement. If you enjoy sewing, you are invited to attend!

Recently, the club donated baby quilts to the Madonna House, whose mission is “to provide a safe nurturing home environment where homeless pregnant women and women with children can break the cycle of instability.”

Thanks, HCE ladies!

Final Lesson for Living

April 16, 6:30 p.m.—Trends in Residential Interiors. The minor lesson is Grains from Around the World.
Edible Centerpiece Cultural Arts Activity Draws 30

Pineapple flowers, blueberries and grapes, cantaloupe, honeydew and strawberries—some dipped in chocolate and others plain—were put on skewers and arranged in bouquets at the March 13 cultural arts activity. Thirty HCE members now know how to make an attractive centerpiece that is low in fat, sugar, and sodium. Thanks to our Cultural Arts Committee for an enjoyable—and tasty—event!

From left, Ginny Miller, Linda Lavery and Sandy McKelvie represented Adams County at the State Conference in March.
# Dates to Remember

**April**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4-8</td>
<td>ACHCE Board Meeting</td>
<td>9:30 AM</td>
<td>Adams Co. Farm Bureau</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4-9</td>
<td>Quilt Club</td>
<td>9:00 AM</td>
<td>Adams Co. Farm Bureau</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4-10</td>
<td>Carry-in Luncheon</td>
<td>11:30 AM</td>
<td>Adams Co. Farm Bureau</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4-16</td>
<td>Book Club</td>
<td>11:00 AM</td>
<td>Daylight Donuts (48th St)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4-29</td>
<td>ACHCE Annual Meeting</td>
<td>6:00 PM</td>
<td>Paloma Community Building</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**May**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5-14</td>
<td>Quilt Club</td>
<td>9:00 AM</td>
<td>Adams Co. Farm Bureau</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5-21</td>
<td>Book Club</td>
<td>11:00 AM</td>
<td>Daylight Donuts (48th St)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**Women Walk the World**

Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)

Connects & supports women & communities worldwide

**SO HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN YOUR AREA?**

Adams County HCE will participate in the

3rd Annual “Women Walk the World”

At our Annual Meeting at Paloma Community Bldg.

April 29, 2014

Special Donation Basket for Pennies for Friendship

Remember to send in a short article of your walk along with photos, which could appear in the July-September issue of The Countrywoman, with the best walk photos on the front cover.

All images must be received by Friday 23rd May 2014. Entries received after this date will not be included.

For further information, sponsorship forms, leaflets and posters about ACWW visit www.acww.org.uk

Email info@acww.org.uk or call +44(0) 207 794 3875

Happy Walking! Enjoy your day!