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LaPorte County Extension Homemakers Association 2025-2026



Member _____

Club _____

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January: Bounty	July: Nike
February: Allstate	August: De Beers
March: Kellogg's Rice Krispies	September: L'Oreal
April: Subway	October: McDonalds
May: Capitol One	November: Disneyland
June: Wheaties	December: Kentucky Fried Chicken

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CREED

We believe in the present and its opportunities, in the future and its promises in everything that makes life large and lovely, in the divine joy of living and helping others. And so, we endeavor to pass on to others that which has benefited us, striving to go onward and upward, reaching the pinnacle of economic perfection, in improving, enlarging and endearing the greatest institution in the world, THE HOME.

Home Economics Club Prayer

We thank Thee for the gift of friendship that makes people care for one another, for the power of love that drives out that which is greedy and mean in human hearts.

We thank Thee for those who make lives happy and may we give them comradeship and love in return; keep us dependable that we may choose high-minded and worthy companions whose association will make us better women and who will be lifelong friends; above all, we want Thee as our companion through life. Amen

HISTORY OF INDIANA EXTENSION

HOMEMAKERS

During the period of 1910 to 1919, Purdue University gave leadership to organize home economics extension in Indiana. Families were contacted through farmers' institutes. Women's auxiliaries grew out of this movement and from this, the home economics club developed.

Leaders in the counties initiated classes for farm women. In 1910 there were 10 classes. These groups later became known as home economics clubs and finally as home demonstration clubs.

In 1913, the women leaders from various counties in attendance at a conference at Purdue University voted to organize a State Home Economics Association, the purpose of encouraging more co-education groups for homemakers and to promote the teaching of "domestic science" in the local schools.

By 1927, a total of 389 extension clubs with a total of 10,142 members were established. The Indiana Extension Service is the largest organized program of its kind in the nation.

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Dues are to be paid by May 15 of the membership year.

Mailbox Members: Per state requirements, the dues are the same as members, \$17.00 this includes a program book. Insurance is paid by you and your tenure remains.

Honorary Members: Pay County dues only (\$8.25 includes a program book); they lose tenure.

When organized clubs are unable to remain active due to transportation, aging or physical limitations, they may request honorary status. Before requesting such status, the board recommends that such clubs try first to retain active status through seeking new club members or other means. If they cannot continue, they may petition the board and request Honorary Status. This would allow them to attend county meetings and receive all mailings. Final decision would rest with the executive board of the LaPorte County Extension Homemakers Association. Honorary club members are not members of the state association, therefore, they lose tenure status. They have no voting privileges.

A member who has chosen not to belong to a particular club, but wishes to receive the benefits of the Extension Homemakers Club. The member would be able to attend all meetings and receive the newsletter. Mailbox members do not lose their tenure status and can, if so wanted, work on any committee or event. Individual membership shall have no direct voting privilege.

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4-H Admin. Assistant

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ARTICLE XII – FINANCES

- Section 1 The Annual Budget shall show the approved amount for the registration fees of the President and Vice President to attend Home and Family Conference. A county officer or designated representative will have the opportunity to have their registration fee paid if either the President or Vice President are unable to attend. The number of attending fees to be covered shall not exceed two (2).
- Section 2 Expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts must be approved by the Executive Committee before being paid by the county Treasurer.
- Section 3 An Extension Homemakers recognition pin will be purchased for the outgoing President and any member reaching their 50th year of membership.

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

- Section 1 This Constitution may be amended or revised providing such amendments have been submitted in writing at a Council meeting. Club Presidents will present changes to the local club meetings and voting will be at the following Council meeting. The amendment or revision may be passed by a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates present.

Amended 9/30/08

Amended 6/2016

Amended 9/13/11

Amended 3/2016

Amended 9//2014

Amended 6/2019

Amended 3/9/2024

LAPORTE COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS STANDING RULES

1. No smoking will be allowed at any Council meetings.
2. The use of cell phone on a ring setting is prohibited, please set your cell phones to silent, vibrate or off position.
3. In the event that a nominee is not found to replace an outgoing officer, the current officer may remain in that position for one (1) additional term.
4. The standing rules of the La Porte County Extension Homemakers will be reviewed annually. They may be amended as necessary or left as previously printed and voted on at the September Council meeting.
5. The Clubs making up the Fall dinner or luncheon, International Faire, and Holiday Council meeting will be charged one-half (1/2) of the meal price provided the meal is **NOT CATERED**. If catered, full price shall be paid by all.

Revised 2024 pending approval at the June 13, 2024 Council Meeting

Approved 6/13/2024

- Section 7 It shall be the duty of the two At-Large members to attend the Council and pre-Council meetings and to be a voting member of the Council. Term of office shall be one-year.
- Section 8 In the event of the death of a County Officer, or should a County Officer be unable to complete the term of office, a replacement will be appointed by the Executive Committee

ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1 The Executive Committee shall be composed of the annually elected Association Officers. The Executive Committee shall conduct necessary business of the Extension Homemakers Council between its meetings and report back to the Council
- Section 2 The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President.

ARTICLE IX – COUNCIL

- Section 1 The La Porte County Extension Homemakers Council shall be composed of the County Officers and all members.

ARTICLE X – DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

- Section 1 All members shall be entitled to one vote on the Extension Homemakers Council.
- Section 2 A majority of votes cast by members present shall be necessary to elect officers or carry on the business of the Association.
- Section 3 The election of officers shall be at the March Council meeting. The President and Vice President will be elected in the odd numbered years. The Secretary and Treasurer will be elected in even numbered years.

ARTICLE XI – MEETINGS

- Section 1 There shall be four regular meetings of the Council yearly to carry on the business of the Association. Additional meetings may be called when necessary.
- Section 2 Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this Association in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution.

The Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service offers assistance in these four main subject areas:

Agriculture and Natural Resources

We provide education, training and technical assistance to individuals and businesses with agriculturally related needs and interests. Program emphases include food and fiber production, farm business management, marketing and processing of agricultural products and natural resource management.

Health and Human Sciences

Our mission is improvement in the quality of life of individuals and families through enhancement of their economic and social well-being. Programs focus on helping people to extend their incomes, Improve their health, as well as strengthen personal and family relationships in a changing environment.

4-H Youth Development

Through 4-H programs, we help youth acquire knowledge and develop life skills. Volunteers and professional staff work together to organize and conduct educational experiences in family and community settings.

Community Development

Our mission is to help communities resolve locally determined problems with objective information and assistance and to develop community leadership potential. Issues commonly addressed include economic development, local government finance and provision of services, land use and community resource management.

It is the policy of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service that all persons have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran. Purdue University is an Affirmative Action institution.



Extension - LaPorte County

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF INDIANA

HOMEMAKERS CLUBS

25,718 Members belong to 1,842 Local Extension Homemakers clubs represented by 92 County Extension Homemakers Councils in 10 Districts which make up the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association (IEHA).

LaPorte County belongs to Area X (Michigan City District) which is made up of Elkhart, Kosciusko, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Porter, Starke and St. Joseph Counties.

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LAPORTE COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is open to any high school or college student who is a child or grandchild of a LaPorte County Homemakers Extension Club member in good standing. The conditions of the scholarship are:

1. The scholarship is to be used for educational expenses.
2. Applicant and recipient can reapply for the scholarship each year.
3. Applicant does not have to reside in Indiana nor attend a college/university or trade school that is located in Indiana.
4. Up to (3) \$500.00 scholarships will be offered each year, one per person. MONEY WILL BE AWARDED AFTER ONE SEMESTER is complete and transcripts are reviewed by the scholarship committee.
5. Winners will be notified by mail by May 31st.
6. Current students will be awarded money at June Council Meeting. New college students will be awarded money at March Council Mtg following completion of transcript reviews.

Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due May 1st.

Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service
County, Area and District Map



ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1

The Officers of the Council shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, and Past President and two (2) At-Large members. These officers shall serve as the County Executive Committee with the County HHS Educator assigned to the Association as an ex-officio member. All officers will assume their duties July 1.

Section 2

The officers of the Council shall be elected annually by the Extension Homemakers Association Membership from a list of present and past local club presidents and current club members.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Council, the Executive Committee and serve as chairperson of the Leadership Committee, to appoint any necessary or special committees (of which she/he is always an ex-officio member) and to delegate any other duties that may arise. Term of office shall be two years, but not to exceed two consecutive terms.

Section 2

The Vice President shall be in charge of Program Planning, serve as Chairperson of the Education Committee and other duties as designated by the President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her/his absence. The Vice President shall be responsible for receiving the clubs' VCS reports. Term of office shall be two years, but not to exceed two consecutive terms.

Section 3

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings (Council and Executive Committee) and read them when called for. She/he shall maintain the roll and verify the vote at Council meetings. In the event of her/his absence, it shall be her/his responsibility to see that the secretary's book reaches the meeting. Term of office shall be two years, but not to exceed two consecutive terms.

Section 4

The duties of the Treasurer shall be to take charge of all funds of the Association. All funds shall be deposited in a checking account in a bank approved by the Association Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall pay all bills by check. If the death of a County Officer or a past County President should occur, the County Treasurer will contribute \$25.00 from the Council to the Charity of the family's choice in her/his name. A financial report shall be made at each regular meeting of the Council. Books shall be audited by the Auditing Committee annually. Term of office shall be two years, but not to exceed two consecutive terms.

Section 5

It shall be the duty of the Publicity Chairperson to see that publicity for and an account of all county meetings and activities is submitted for publicity in the newspapers and other media. Term of office shall be one year.

Section 6

It shall be the duty of the Membership Chairperson to promote membership and provide information about Extension Homemaker's programs and the educational opportunities available. **Membership chairperson serves as the chairperson of Taste of Extension Homemakers event to be held in the fall of every year.** Term of office shall be one year.

Section 4 Honorary Club Membership

A club may be granted Honorary Status by petitioning for approval to the Executive committee and must meet the following requirements:

- (a) 80% of club membership unable to participate in club activities, educational lessons and assigned county committee functions due to age and/or physical condition.
- (b) Members of an Honorary Club may attend any County, District, and State activity they wish.
- (c) Honorary Clubs shall have voting privileges at Extension Home-maker Council meetings.

Section 5 Mailbox Membership

A Mailbox Member of the La Porte County Extension Homemakers Association is one who chooses not to belong to a particular club, but who wishes to receive the benefits of this Association and meets or receives the following:

- (a) A Mailbox Member pays county, District and State Association dues to the County Treasurer. (Mailbox Members are members of the State and District Associations.)
- (b) A Mailbox Member is entitled to receive the newsletters, attend lessons, workshops, seminars, conferences, luncheons, and other special events.
- (c) A Mailbox Member is encouraged to attend monthly meetings or volunteer for committee work.

ARTICLE V – DUES

- Section 1 Each Extension Homemaker Club shall pay State, District and County Association dues as well as insurance premium annually for each club member.
- Section 2 Dues shall be paid through your local club to the County Treasurer by **May 30th**. If dues are not paid by May 30th you will no longer be recognized as a member of LaPorte County Extension Homemakers.
- Section 3 New clubs organized and/or members joining after January shall pay only county dues for that fiscal year to the County Treasurer. New members will be required to pay County, District, and State dues by May 30th for the following year.
- Section 4 County dues shall be determined by the County Extension Homemakers Council. The County Extension Homemakers Council shall have the power to change the amount of dues required to cover operating expenses. Any changes will take effect May 30th of the calendar year.
- Section 5 Individuals belonging to more than one club need only pay insurance State, District and County dues one time.
- Section 6 The fiscal year shall be from July 1 through June 30.

2025– 2026 COUNCIL MEETINGS –TENTATIVE DATES
POTLUCK DINNER AT ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 – 3:00 p.m. at Extension Office

Potluck Dinner

December 4, 2025– Council Holiday Party - TBA

Thursday, March 19, 2026 - 3:00 p.m. at Extension Office

Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 - 3:00 p.m. at Extension Office

Potluck dinner and Installation of Officers

LEND-A- HAND DAYS

@ The Studio

1640 1st Street, LaPorte

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Check current newsletter for 2026 dates

IMPORTANT IEHA DATES

Michigan City Fall District Meeting – October 7, 2025

Host: Lake County - Andorra Banquet Hall Schererville

Taste of Extension—Sunday, October 19, 2025

IEHA Week – October 20th — 24th, 2025

IEHA Member Appreciation Day - October 24th, 2025

Make a Difference Day – October 25, 2025

First Timer Award & I Want To Go Again Award - dates on line

Michigan City Spring District Meeting – March 31, 2026

Host: Starke County

Home and Family Conference – June 15th – 17th, 2026

For more state IEHA information go to: www.ieha-families.org

Follow them on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/IndianaExtensionHomemakersAssociation>

EDUCATIONAL RETREATS

2025-2026

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS

Registration begins at 1:45 p.m. for all lessons

All Educational Retreats will be held at the La Porte County Purdue Extension Office – 2857 West State Road 2, Suite A, La Porte

**Thursday,
Sept. 25, 2025** **1:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**
 Carry-in Meal

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. –
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. –
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Dinner

**Wednesday,
March 5, 2026** **1:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**
 Carry-in Meal

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. –
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. –
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Dinner

**Wednesday,
May 21, 2026** **1:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**
 Carry-in Meal

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. –
3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. –
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Dinner

Reserve your space by calling (219) 324-9407. This is to ensure that we can be sure we have enough handouts for the programs. All lessons will include a carry-in dinner.

A minimum of five people are needed to sign up for each program or it will be cancelled. If the program is cancelled and you have signed up for the program, we will call you.

The order and topic of the lesson(s) is subject to change.

CONSTITUTION OF THE

LAPORTE COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be called “The LaPorte County Extension Homemakers Association”, hereafter referred to as the Association. Affiliated with the Cooperative Extension Service of Purdue University (a non-profit organization).

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

Section 1 Its objectives shall be:

- (a) To promote a knowledge of and to work in programs and activities which encourage the development of Family, Home, and Community.
- (b) To provide and encourage adult education, especially in the area of home economics.
- (c) To coordinate and motivate the membership of the Extension Homemakers Clubs.
- (d) To strengthen and develop families through education in the areas of Leadership, Education and Volunteer Community Support.

ARTICLE III – STRUCTURE

Section 1 The LaPorte County Extension Homemakers Association whose membership consists of all clubs.

Section 2 Michigan City District

- (a) Michigan City District (Area 10) consists of the following counties: Elkhart, Kosciusko, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Porter, St. Joseph, and Starke. Michigan City District serves as a liaison between the State Association and County Extension Homemakers Councils.

Section 3 (a) All Extension Homemakers are members of the State and District Association.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Any person interested is eligible to be a member in a local club, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age or handicap.

Section 2 Club membership shall be any Extension Homemakers Club who has paid State, District and County Association dues for their members to the County Treasurer.

Section 3 Individual membership in a club shall be any individual who has paid State, District and County association dues to their local club treasurer. Individual membership shall have direct voting privileges.

NVON

National Volunteer Outreach Network is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. Members work together to promote communication, education and volunteerism for all people. NVON welcomed North Carolina as a new member state in 2006 to make a total of eight. The states include: Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

ACWW

Associated Country Women of the World is a non-political, non-sectarian international organization of over six and a half million members and their families thorough its worldwide projects. ACWW also works with the United Nations on a consultative basis as a non-governmental organization (NGO). The work of ACWW is supported through memberships, Pennies for Friendship and contributions to specific projects.

CWC

The Country Women's council of the United States of America (CWC), is a coordinating council, composed of Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) member societies in the USA.



2025 - 2026 IEHA Theme:



Planting

Seeds

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Grow

forever

2025 - 2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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2025-2026 LOCAL CLUB PRESIDENTS

East Galena - Organized: 1925 Meets 4th Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

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F.A.C.S.Y. Folks – Organized: 2013 Meets 4th Friday, 5:00 p.m.

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Kitchen Kin - Organized: 1949 Meets 2nd Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

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Rolling Stones - Organized: 1986 Meets 3rd Thursday, Noon

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Steady Stitches - Organized: 2016 Meets Mondays @ The Studio

1640 First Street, LaPorte
President: _____
Address: _____
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COINS FOR FRIENDSHIP IEHA INTERNATIONAL FUND



Service projects supported from Coins for Friendship are: Save the Sight/Nutrition, International Peace Gardens, Elsie Zimmer Memorial Fund, Indiana 4-H Foundation, International Center at Purdue and Christian Children's Fund.

A portion of the funds are used for IEHA dues to ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) and CWC (Country Women's Council). CWC holds an annual meeting where Indiana is represented by our president and ACWW triennials where IEHA may have 5 delegates.

Another project is the Exchange Homemaker program where we bring a visitor from another country to Indiana for a six-week visit to share with our members and then send one of our own to that country and have her visit our districts and share her experiences.

Two of the eleven scholarships given at Home & Family Conference are funded by our Coins.

We hope you will be motivated to continue your financial support so these and other programs may be carried out according to the line in our creed that says, "and so we endeavor to pass on to others that which has benefited us."



NICKELS FOR LEADERSHIP

Nickels for Leadership is a voluntary contribution that has previously been sent to National Association of Family and Community Education. It was used for leadership training for members in the state organizations. Indiana Extension Homemakers Association has benefited from a few of these programs in the past, when state officers have attended training.

Now that IEHA has withdrawn from NAFCE, the money from Nickels for Leadership will be kept in Indiana and used for leadership workshops for our members. District and regional workshops are planned for any interested member of IEHA. Extension Homemakers are very generous with scholarship training and self-enrichment for county officers and members. This contribution will benefit our organization by offering the members continuing training.

This is a voluntary contribution and may be sent to the State Treasurer along with State dues and Coins for Friendship.

REFLECTION

As we gather here, let us begin with respect for each of our individual beliefs by taking a moment of silence to pray, give thanks or reflect in your own way.

Please join in prayer, the giving of thanks or reflecting according to your own belief. This may be done in a low voice or silence.

IEHA LOGO



The IEHA Logo depicts the Indiana Extension Homemaker Association with a unique combination of symbolism: The three figures depict the endless combinations of family members, representing male and female, adult and child.

The letter IEHA, the association's acronym form an important portion of the home by providing support.

The roof of the home extends beyond the perimeter of the design, indicating that the influence of IEHA extends beyond the home and the family to the surrounding community.

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE

I promise my club to prepare myself for each meeting to the best of my ability.

If it is impossible for me to do my part of the program, I will get a substitute.

I will make an honest effort to be present at each meeting during the year and to help carry out all club activities.

I will try to be helpful to non-club members and young homemakers.

I will encourage non-members to join Extension Homemakers Clubs.

Mission Statement

The mission of Indiana Extension Homemakers is to strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development, and volunteer community support.

PAST PRESIDENTS

1925-1928 (Deceased).....	Mrs. W. W. Place
1929-1936 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Mollie Guse
1937-1938 (Deceased).....	Mrs. E. Carr Bowell
1938 (Deceased).....	Mrs. J.O. Ault
1940 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Carl Knickelbein
1941 (Deceased).....	Mrs. C.O. Martin
1942 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Frank Stoder
1943-1944 (Deceased).....	Mrs. C.L. Rhoads
1945-1946 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Ralph Bryant
1947-1949 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Walter Reed (Past District Chairperson)
1950-1951 (Deceased).....	Mrs. A.H. Christianson
1952-1954 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Carl Knickelbein
1955-1956 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Emory McKnight
1957-1958 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Claire (Ruth) Long
1958-1959 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Harold Hicks
1960-1961 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Howard Shead
1962-1963 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Elmer (Grace) Heiden
1964-1965 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Oscar (Lucy) Bromley Adams
1966-1967 (Deceased).....	Mrs. William (Millie) Condon
1968-1969 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Joseph (Rita) Ault
1970-1971 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Charles (Marcia) Porter
1972-1973 (Deceased).....	Mrs. A.B. (Mae) Roberts
1974-1975 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Joseph (Phyllis) Ekovich
1975-1977 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Hart (Sandy) Swanson, Jr.
1977-1979 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Ilone Kiff
1979-1981 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Lloyd (Betty Jane) Clayton (Past District Chair)
1981-1983.....	Mrs. Randy (Sherry) Deutscher
1982-1985 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Eugene (Maxine) Spenner
1985-1987 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Charles (Audrey) Zila
1987-1989.....	Mrs. Don (Barb) Conrad



PAST PRESIDENTS CONT'D.

1989-1991 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Adeline Macalka
1991-1993.....	Mrs. Felicia Clark
1993-1994.....	Mrs. Jan Daniels
1994-1996 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Ruth Kelley
1996-1998.....	Mrs. Felicia Clark
1998-2000.....	Mrs. Bonnie Stoner
2000-2002.....	Mrs. Marcia Wolff
2002-2005...(Deceased).....	Mrs. Ingrid Johanson-Voelker
2005-2007.....	Mrs. Linda Redman
2007-2008 (Deceased).....	Mrs. Shirley Hartke
2008-2010.....	Mrs. Mary Nowatzke
2011-2012.....	Mrs. Betty Thomas
2012-2014.....	Mrs. Jan Daniels
2014-2016.....	Mrs. Peggy Grzesiowski
2016-2018.....	Mrs. Patricia Day
2018-2021.....	Mrs. Della Wittgren
2021-2023.....	Mrs. Sherry Riehle
2023 - 2025	Mrs. Peggy Grzesiowski

COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Bonnie Stoner -
Chair

Kathy Ulman

Sherry Riehle

Angie Lenig

Soup Night - February

Kathy Ulman - Chair

Jan Thode

Ruth Lile

Patty Day

Angela Cummings

Shirley Griffin

Shirley Reinfurth

Nominating Committee

Peggy Grzesiowski -
Chair

Beverly Barnes

Marlene Kievert

Scholarship - May

Kathy Ulman

Mindy Rose

Carolynn Kissinger

Ray Kissinger

Betty Swanson

Clothing Drive Giveaway

Membership Committee

Jackie Carpenter -
Chair

Barbara Herrold

Sue Howell

GOALS OF EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

1. Improve relationships among family members.
2. Develop better management of time and money and thus increase income.
3. Develop leadership through community responsibility.
4. Improve family health through good nutrition.
5. Reach every family in the county with helpful information.

CLUB COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt remember the day & date of the club meeting.
2. Thou shalt be on time.
3. Thou shalt remember thy Club Creed.
4. Thou shalt honor thy Club Member.
5. Thou shalt not find fault with the lesson.
6. Thou shalt be prepared appropriately for the meeting.
7. Thou shalt be prepared for roll call.
8. Thou shalt not speak in the meeting when any member hath the floor.
9. Thou shalt serve on club committees cheerfully.
10. Thou shalt diligently honor these commandments.

JUNE 2026

June_____ **Time**_____

Dates to Remember: June 3 - Council Meeting 3:00 - 8:00 pm
June 15 - 17, 2026 Home and Family Conference

Roll Call: What is your favorite thing to eat for Breakfast?

Hostess _____

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Slogan: Breakfast of Champions

Positive Thought: "Green is the prime color of the world, and that from which its loveliness arises."

-Pedro Calderon de la Barca

Song: Queen "We Are the Champions"

We are the champions, my friends, and we'll keep on fighting till the end, we are the champions, We are the champions, No time for losers "Cause we are the champions of the World.

COMMITTEES

Monthly Socials

Joan Kelsey - Chair
Anastasia Kelsey
Victoria Kelsey
Carol Welsh
Tina Albertson
Heidi Koch-Northrup
Kathy Plemons

Taste of Extension - October

Jennifer Chubb - Chair
Joanna Daskocil
Shirley Truhn
Sue Kaiser
Cindy Barnes
Marla Bolakowski
Peggy Grzesiowski
Sandy Roth

Educational Retreat Hostess/Cultural Arts

Rita Flores - Chair
Kathy Ulman
Karen Barnhart
Connie Carter
Sharon Erwin
Jean Caddy

International Faire - April

Monica Prosser - Chair
Karen Schultz
Shirley Truhn
Dee Dickman
Mell German
Sue Mohlke

Holiday Party/Member Recognition & Memorials

Celeste VanEtten - Chair
Karen Barnhart
Janet Gourley
Sandra McEnterfer
Marla Bolakowski
Jan Thode
Sandra Provan

Thank you Picnic - July

Cindy Ault - Chair
Jane Wayland
Della Wittgren
Sherry Riehle
Marcia Wolff
Jackie Carpenter
Barbara Herrold
Joanne Nelson
Judy Swiger

Program Book

Sue Howell - Chair
Shirley Truhn
Cindy Ault
Dee Dickman
Connie Lute
Sandra Robelia

IEHA Week - October

Della Wittgren - Chair
Jeanne Miller
Betty Carpenter
Jackie Carpenter
Barbara Herrold
Sherry Riehle
Jan Daniels
Kristine Owens
Terry Brennan

Fair Booth - July

Betty Carpenter - Chair
Marcia Wolff
Linda Livinghouse
Mindy Rose
Sharon Russ
Theresa Lile
Margo Brust
Therese Wahlster
Dee Hughes

2025 – 2026 Extension Homemakers Membership

East Galena

Jennifer Chubb	Joan Kelsey	Karen Schultz
Joanna Doscocil	Victoria Kelsey	Virginia Seitz
Anastasia Kelsey	Sharon Russ	Shirley Truhn

F.A.C.S.Y. Folks

Angela Cummings	Ruth Lile	Mindy Rose
Angie Lenig	Theresa Long	

Homespun Harmony

Cindy Ault	Janet Gourley*	Sandy McEnterfer*
Karen Barnhart*	Peggy Grzesiowski*	Monica Prosser
Betty Carpenter	Carolynn Kissinger	Kathy Ulman
Jan Daniels*	Ray Kissinger	Marcia Wolff
Patricia Day	Linda Livinghouse	

Kitchen Kin

Jackie Carpenter	Sue Howell	Jane Wayland
Delores Dickman	Sherry Riehle	Della Wittgren
Barbara Herrold		

MAY 2026

May _____ Time _____

Dates to Remember: May 20th - Cultural Arts Judging - Projects must be dropped off on or before 11:00 a.m.

May 21 - Educational Retreat & Cultural Arts Results 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Do you still carry cash in your wallet or mostly use a card?

Slogan: What's In Your Wallet?

Hostess _____

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Positive Thought: "There are always flowers for those who want to see them." -Henri Matisse

Song: Abba "Money, Money, Money"

I work all night, I work all day to pay the bills I have to pay, Ain't it sad?

APRIL 2026

April_____ **Time**_____

Dates to Remember: International Faire—TBA

**Roll Call: What is
your favorite kind of sandwich?**

Slogan: Eat Fresh!

Hostess _____

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Positive Thought: "The sun does not shine for a few trees and
flowers, but for the wide world's joy."

-Henry Ward Beecher

Song—Peanut Butter and Jelly

First you take the peanuts and you crack em, crack
em, crack em, crack em, crack em, then you spread it
all around. And you've got peanut, peanut butter
and jelly, peanut, peanut butter and jelly. Then you
take your grapes and you smash'em, smash'em,
smash'em, smash'em, smash'em and you spread it
all around and you've got...peanut, peanut butter
and jelly, peanut, peanut butter and jelly. Then you
take your sandwich and munch it, munch it, munch
it, munch it, munch it and you've gotmmm, mmm,
mmm, mmm

Rolling Stones

Tina Albertson
Jan Daniels

Kristine Owens

Theresa Wahlster

Steady Stitches

* denotes dual club

Cindy Barnes
Marla Bolakowski
Terry Brennan
Jean Caddy
Rita Flores
Mell Germann

Dee Hughes
Billie Kobos
Jeanne Miller
Sue Mohlke
Joanne Nelson
Kathy Plemons

Sandra Rabelia
Sandy Roth
Judy Swiger
Janet Thode
Celeste VanEtten

Mailbox Members

Margo Brust
Connie Carter
Sharon Erwin
Shirley Griffin
Sue Kaiser

Marlene Kievert
Connie Lute
Linda Pardue
Sandra Provan
Shirley Reinfurth

Patty Sardeson
Bonnie Stoner
Barbara Swanson
Betty Swanson
Carol Welsh

*"Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of
beautiful memories."
~ Unknown Author*

MARCH 2026

Local Club Name _____ Hour and Day of Meeting _____

LOCAL CLUB OFFICERS

President _____

Vice-President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

CLUB CHAIRPERSONS

Care & Share _____

Club Historian _____

Education Chairperson _____

Health, Nutrition & Safety _____

Leadership Chairperson _____

Membership Chairperson _____

Publicity _____

Song Leader _____

Volunteer Community Support _____

March _____ **Time** _____

Dates to Remember: March 5, 2026—Educational Retreat
2 - 8 p.m.
March 19, 2026 Council Meeting 3 - 8 p.m.
March 31, 2026 Michigan City District
Meeting - Starke County

Roll Call: Can you still snap your fingers?

Slogan: Snap! Crackle! Pop!

Hostess _____

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Positive Thought: "It is Spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart." -Rainer Maria Rilke

Song— Itsy Bitsy Spider (with hand motions!)

The Itsy Bitsy Spider climbed up the water spout, Down came the rain and washed the spider out. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain, so the Itsy Bitsy Spider climbed up the spout again.

FEBRUARY 2026

February _____ **Time** _____

Dates to Remember: Soup Night - TBA

Roll Call: What is your favorite lotion to use on your hands?

Slogan: You're in Good Hands

Hostess _____

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Positive Thought: "Winter is on my head, but eternal Spring is in my heart." -Victor Hugo

Song—"Hokey Pokey"

You put your right hand in, you put your right out, you put your right hand in and shake it all about, you do the hokey pokey and turn yourself around, that's what it's all about.

JULY 2025

July _____ **Time** _____

Dates to Remember: July 5—July 12th—LaPorte County Fair

Note: Don't forget to work your shift

Thank you Picnic - July 27th

Hostess _____

Roll Call: What is something that you enjoy doing?

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Slogan: Just Do It

Positive Thought: "Keep close to Nature's heart....and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean."

-John Muir

"It's now or never" by Elvis Presley

It's now or never. Come hold me tight. Kiss me, my darling
Be mine tonight. Tomorrow will be too late It's now or never
My love won't wait.

AUGUST 2025

August_____ **Time**_____

Dates to Remember: Indiana State Fair - August 2nd -18th

Roll Call: Do you have a favorite gem?

Slogan: A diamond is Forever

Hostess _____

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Positive Thought: "You will find something more in woods than in books. Trees and stones will teach you that which you can never learn from masters."

-Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Song: Carol Channing/Marilyn Monroe "Diamonds Are a Girls Best Friend"

A kiss on the hand may be quite continental, but diamonds are a girl's best friend.

JANUARY 2026

January_____ **Time**_____

Dates to Remember: Educational Retreat/Field Trip 10:00 a.m.
TBA

Roll Call: Have you ever been, or picked up, a hitchhiker?

Slogan: The Quicker Picker Upper

Hostess _____

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Positive Thought: "Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads." -Henry David Thoreau

Song– Steppenwolf "Born to Be Wild"

Get your motor runnin', head out on the highway, lookin for adventure and whatever comes our way

DECEMBER 2025

December _____ **Time** _____

Dates to Remember: December 4, 2025 Council Holiday Party—
TBA

Roll Call: What is your favorite way to eat (or fix) chicken?

Slogan: Finger Lickin' Good

Hostess _____

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Positive Thought: "I wonder if the snow loves the trees and
fields, that it kisses them so gently?"
-Lewis Carroll

Song— Old McDonald Had a Farm

Old McDonald had a farm, e-i-e-i-o, and on that farm he had a
chicken, e-i-e-i-o

SEPTEMBER 2025

September _____ **Time** _____

Dates to Remember: September 10th @ 3:00 p.m. Council Mtg.
September 25th @ 2:00 p.m. Educational
Retreat

**Roll Call: What is something you thought you really needed,
but it wasn't worth it?**

Slogan: Because You're Worth it

Hostess _____

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Positive Thought: "There are many paths to the top of the
mountain, but only one view." - Harry Millner

Song— Cindy Lauper "Girls Just Want to Have Fun"

Oh daddy dear you know you're still number one but girls they
want to have fun oh girls just want to have fun

OCTOBER 2025

October _____ Time _____

Dates to Remember: October 7, 2025 Fall District Meeting - Lake County
October 19 - Taste of Extension
October 20-24 IEHA Week
October 24 - Member Appreciation
October 25, 2025 Make a Difference Day

Roll Call: Did you have a toy that you really loved as a child?

Slogan: I'm Lovin It

Hostess _____

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Positive Thought: For Iman, Autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For Nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad." -Edwin Way Teale

Song: Joan Jett & the Blackhearts "I Love Rock 'n Roll"
I love rock 'n roll so put another dime in the jukebox, baby.

NOVEMBER 2025

November _____ Time _____

Dates to Remember:

Roll Call: Name something that makes you happy.

Slogan: The Happiest Place on Earth

Hostess _____

Lesson _____

Lesson Leader _____

Positive Thought: "Nothing is more beautiful than the loveliness of the woods before sunrise." -George Washington Carver

Song—Sherman & Sherman "It's a Small World After All"
It's a small world after all, It's a small world after all, It's a small world after all, It's a small, small world.