



## **Indiana Extension Homemakers Association**

Membership Handbook

### **Shelby County Extension Homemakers “The Early Years” A Brief History**

In 1924, Shelby County Agent, Russell East, called together a few local women for a meeting. A leader from Purdue University came to teach a lesson on making hats. From this meeting the early Home Economics Clubs began.

A major project in 1927 was to be a study of nutrition which would last three (3) years. It was hoped a Nutrition Project Club would be started in every township in Shelby County reaching as many families as possible. The teaching of the Nutrition Project involved lessons on food nutrients, sanitation, preparation, canning, gardening and marketing.

By 1929, eleven (11) Nutrition Project Clubs were formed in the townships. Approximately two hundred fifty (250) women were reached and involved. After the three (3) years work ended, it was decided to have an Achievement Day program. A play entitled “The Evolution of the American Home” was to be given. One hundred and fifteen (115) women were cast in the pageant which was presented at the St. Joseph Auditorium. Over two thousand (2,000) people witnessed the presentation. This was also the year that the Nutrition Project Clubs reorganized to become Home Economics Clubs.

By 1930, fifteen (15) clubs had been organized with membership totaling three hundred and thirty-six (336). The nutrition project continued into its fourth year with lessons on gardening and feeding the farm family.

At the end of the year another Achievement Day was held. A playlet written by Mrs. Walter McCARTney of Shelby Township, entitled "Miss Nutrition's Revue", was to be given. One hundred (100) women were cast and the play was given at the Paul Cross Gym. The revue was presented two (2) times and viewed by 2,600 people which was the largest attendance of any single home economics meeting ever held in Indiana at that time.

From 1924 to 1936, Shelby County did not have a Home Demonstration Agent. The Nutrition Clubs were organized by the County Project Chairman, Mrs. Dan (Camille) Hey, of Shelby Township, under the guidance of Leila Gaddis, head of the Home Economics Extension Course at Purdue. Anita Beadle, Purdue home economics specialist, who taught the lessons, and Mrs. Calvin Perdue, wife of the Shelby County Agent during this time, were also involved. Mrs. Hey and Mrs. Perdue were elected state presidents of the Extension Homemakers Clubs in the following years. In 1936, Marjorie Spencer of Kempton, Indiana, was hired as Shelby County's first Home Demonstration Agent.

It should be noted that many hard working farm women were active in the organization of the early clubs and projects. Whether they were hostesses, lesson leaders, or just a member, they were all important and eager to learn and teach others ideas that benefited their families, homes and farms.

**There are currently 12 Extension Homemaker Clubs  
And 120 Members**

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**IEHA  
Logo**



The logo depicts the Extension Homemakers Organization with a unique combination of symbolism:



The three figures depict the endless combination of family members, representing male and female, adult and child.

The letter, IEHA, form an important portion of the homes 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.

## EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS 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".



## PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



## EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS MISSION STATEMENT

To strengthen families through: continuing education, leadership development, and volunteer community support.

## EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS PRAYER

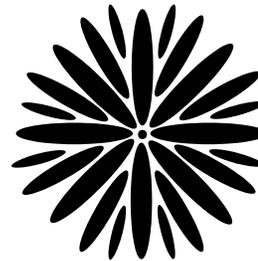
(Tune: He Leadeth Me)

"Dear Lord, with thankful hearts we come  
For family, and friends and home;  
And for the sunshine and the rain  
That ripens fields of Golden grain.  
'Lord of the Harvest', bless us still  
We are submissive to Thy will;  
What'er our harvests are to be  
Our Hope and Trust are still in Thee."

— Amen

Written by: *Thomas M. Samples*  
*New Palestine, Indiana*

Adopted as the Official Prayer of the Indiana Extension Homemakers Clubs in 1936.



**Club Flower:**  
**Carnations**

**Club Colors:**  
**Blue and Gold**

## **COUNTY DUES**

Each member of a regularly organized Extension Home-maker Club in the county shall pay annual dues of \$5.00 per member into the county treasury. County dues will be sent to the county treasurer by May 15.

## **STATE DUES**

Each club member shall pay \$5.00 state dues.

## **INTERNATIONAL FUND**

Each club may contribute to the International Fund as they wish. The fund is used by the Exchange Homemaker Program and International and Educational Fund.

## **National Volunteer Outreach Network, Inc.**

NVON brings together organizations who are members of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) to promote friendship and understanding between member organizations for better communication in the United States and the World.

- To promote well being of the individual and family
- To bring about a better understanding of the relationship of the home, community, state, nation and the world.
- To speak for and further the interests of the member organizations engaged in service to families and communities.
- To coordinate activities and disseminate information relevant to the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) and the Country Women's Council, U.S.A. (CWC).

NVON is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

## **Associated Country Women of the World**

ACWW is a non-political, non-sectarian international organization of over six and a half million members in women's societies in 70 countries. It works to improve standards of living for all women and their families through 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. Indiana Extension Homemakers is a Category I Society and has 5 votes at triennial conferences.

## **Country Women's Council, U.S.A.**

CWC is a coordinating council composed of ACWW member societies in the United States. It meets annually to promote the work of ACWW. Five Category III societies (an umbrella or national organization consisting of independent member societies), American Farm Bureau Women's Committee, National Association for Family and Community Education, National Master Farm Homemakers Guild, National Volunteer Outreach Network and Woman's National Farm & Garden Association and 55+ affiliated state societies have membership in CWC.

## EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

To develop individual, home and community through:

- a) Improving family relations,
- b) Improving health practices,
- c) Better use of income,
- d) Making homes more self-supporting,
- e) Preparing youth for homemaker,
- f) Improving culture advantages,
- g) Improving home grounds.

### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Sponsorship of—

4-H Leaders and Activities

Open Class Exhibits at County Fair

Assist—

Membership Committee

Support—

Community Projects

Cultural Activities

First Books for Kids

Attend—

Annual Achievement Day

District Day

Home and Family Conference

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### OPENING

Quotation of the month by President  
America the Beautiful—  
Club Song  
Pledge to the Flags  
Club Creed  
Introduction of Guests  
Roll Call

### BUSINESS

Secretary's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Bills and Communications  
Report of Standing Committees  
Unfinished Business

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Club Lesson  
Health and Safety Report  
Cultural Arts Report (optional)  
Citizenship Report  
Other Educational Topics

### CLOSING

Song of the Month  
Preview of next month's program by Vice President  
Club Prayer

What Is.....

**Conference**

Conference is a once a year gathering of all Indiana Homemakers held the first part of June at Purdue University. Conference is where each club in the state is given 1 vote for the state officers and any needed amendments to the state by-laws. It is also a time of learning and sharing with other counties and getting to know them better. We also have guest speakers and a variety of learning sessions are available. Who Is Invited? Any Homemaker member is invited to attend, plus their families. Each club is given one vote (usually cast by the club president) at the business meeting. Some clubs will pay the registration fee and room and board for their club members. The County and State sponsors a free trip to the Home and Family Conference for the winner of our “First-Timer Award”.

**District Day**

District Day is a once a year District Extension Homemaker function to honor club presidents. Each county in the eight county district (Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan and Shelby) is invited. The duties for the day are divided between counties. It is a fun day – a day to socialize with other county Homemakers and exchange ideas. There is usually a guest speaker, entertainment, presentations and a luncheon. Who is invited: **All members**. Some clubs will buy the ticket for their club president.

**Achievement Day**

Achievement Day is held each year at the close of the fiscal year to honor the clubs in the county. Clubs are given various responsibilities for Achievement Day – such as table decorations, program covers, stage decorations, clean-up and etc. Each club is to make Name tags using the theme for the day. The name tags are then judged and the best is chosen. The day also includes a luncheon, speaker, installation of county officers and lots of fun. Who is invited? All homemakers are invited to attend.

**Meeting Dates**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
1st Wk.					Happy Hearts
2nd Wk.	*Country Pals *49'ers Lucky Fifteen	*Liberty '57	*Buzzin Duzzin	*Country Crafters *Crafty Creators	
3rd Wk.	*Dizzy Dames				Chip Off the Block
4th Wk.		MNO	Clearview 76'ers		

\*Club meetings at night  
Club meetings during day if not starred

**2022**

June 6-8 Home & Family Conference

June 13-18 Shelby County Fair

July 29 –Aug 21 Indiana State Fair

Aug. 10 EH Council Meeting - Pitch-In,  
6:30 p.m., Brinson Hall

Aug 25 Indianapolis District Meeting,  
Hancock County

Sept. 14 Achievement Day, 10:00 a.m.,  
Waldron Baptist Church

Sept. 20-22 9th CWC Conference-North Little  
Rock Riverfront Wyndham, AR

Oct. 12 EH Council Meeting, 1:00 p.m.,  
Ed Room

Oct. 13-14 Focus Day & State Board Meeting-  
Hamilton County Fairgrounds

Oct. 17-22 IEHA Week

Oct. 22 Make A Difference Day

Nov. 8 Holiday Program, 7:00 p.m. Brinson Hall

Dec. 14 EH Council Meeting, Christmas  
Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Waldron Baptist  
Church

**2023**

Jan. 11 EH Council Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Brinson  
Hall

Feb. 10 State Board Meeting, Zoom

March 8 EH Council Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Ed Room

March 24 Indianapolis District Meeting  
Hendricks County

April 6 State Board meeting –Davis Park,  
Anderson, IN

May 6 Crafty Saturday, Fairgrounds

May 10 EH Council Meeting, May Breakfast  
9:30 a.m., Waldron Baptist Church

TBA HOME & FAMILY CONFERENCE

June 12-17 Shelby County Fair