

Presidential Thoughts . . .

Here it is time for a new newsletter. Seems only a few weeks ago I was typing my last newsletter.

I Hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and are ready for the NEW YEAR. If you missed the Christmas Luncheon, you missed a delicious meal and great program. It is always a pleasure to hear Betty Hayes and her stories. A Better Way was thrilled with all the items donated by you and your clubs.

Now on to the new things. Presidents' Council will be held February 4th at Heartland Hall at 1:00 pm. This is open not only to Presidents but any member who is interested in seeing what we do. Come join us. If the weather is bad, we will call the presidents and let them know about the meeting.

Next is Farm Fest on March 12 and 13. Remember this is for our scholarship money. Susan will be contacting clubs as well. See information in the newsletter. It is a fun time to come and work even if for an hour on one of those days. It takes us all to raise money for the scholarship. Don't forget , we are giving a one time scholarship in Memory of Marjorie Howell to a person that has connections with an Extension Homemakers. Talk these scholarships up to your kids, grandkids, or even a friend or family member who is furthering their education.

Also in March is our District Meeting. It will be held in Randolph County on March 28. It's always fun to talk to other members in our District to see what is happening in their counties.

Don't forget about your Crafts for a Cure projects. This is to support the state in the Cancer Research project. More will be discussed at Council.

Hope this finds everyone warm and cozy. I for one am ready for some SNOW!!

Donna Pugsley,
County President



Spreading Cheer...

Monroe Township Club prepared and delivered 20 Cheer Boxes to friends in the community. The club provides this bit of cheer to those in the community who need some special remembrance during the holidays. The boxes contain personal care products, treats, and other fun items. The recipients enjoyed the boxes and the personal visits.

IEHA Mission Statement

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



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SCHOLARSHIPS - all scholarship applications are available at extension.purdue.edu/delaware

Career Advancement Scholarship

A scholarship for a homemaker twenty-five years of age or older and a resident of Indiana. Eight, \$500 scholarships will be given with regard to financial need. Application must be submitted by March 15.

Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship

This memorial scholarship of \$500 is offered for the purpose of fostering educational development in women. The applicant must be a woman, legal resident of the USA, and show financial need and the ability to complete her education. The application must be turned in to the state president by March 1.

Marie B. Bowen Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Marie B. Bowen to a graduating high school senior, college student, or someone wanting to go back to college to further their education.

Any graduating high school senior can also contact their school guidance office for an application.

The scholarship application needs to be received by the Extension Office by March 15.

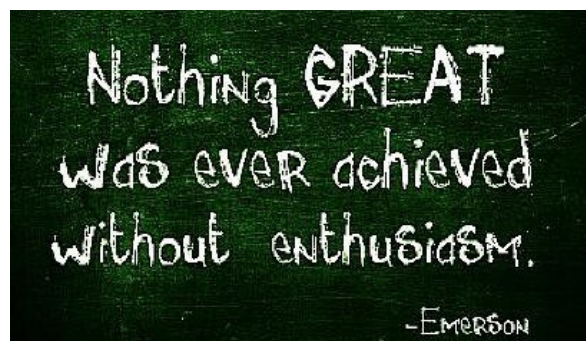
IEHA Enthusiasm Award

Enthusiasm is defined as a strong excitement about something: a strong feeling of active interest in something that you like or enjoy. Something causing a feeling of excitement and active interest: a hobby that someone feels *enthusiastic* about.

Do you know someone who fits this definition? Is there someone in your county who has a passion for IEHA? Do they encourage participation and share their enthusiasm for IEHA with others?

If you know of someone like this, you are encouraged to nominate them for the IEHA ENTHUSIASM AWARD.

Each county may nominate one person for this award. The nominations are due to your District Representative by April 1. The award will be presented at the Home & Family Conference in June. There will be one winner from each district.



Upcoming Events:

FARM FESTIVAL

The Farm Festival will be held March 12 and 13. As in the past, extension homemakers will be providing the noon meal for both days. This is our fundraiser for the Marie B. Bowen Scholarship. More information will be coming at the Presidents' Council Meeting in February. Please plan to give some of your time to help with the event.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of club officers should be done by the March meeting. The officer form needs to be received by the Extension Office by March 15. Please be sure to send the name, address and phone number of the officers. If the officers have a cell phone in addition to the landline, please include this information.

It would also be helpful to have the email addresses of the club president if they have one. These will only be used by the county president.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Spring District Meeting will be held March 28 and hosted by Randolph County. This is a good opportunity to meet other women from other counties and learn more about the organization.

Anyone wishing to attend should let Treena Smith know. Deadline for reservations will be given at the February 4th council meeting.

COMMITTEE SIGN-UP SHEETS

Committee sign-up sheets are due to the extension office by May 1. This form is for county committees. Please include your current phone number with your name and indicate if you would be interested in being chairman of the committee.

COUNTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Each club is asked to report yearly on the activities of her county organization. Download the NEW, REVISED form to file your report at ieha-families.org/programs.php or use the report form that was mailed to you in the October council meeting packet. Please submit these reports to Donna Pugsley, County President.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Clubs will no longer be receiving a listing of their members. It is important that each club keep their own list of members with names, addresses, phone numbers, and the year they became a member (member years will be needed for Achievement Day).

As you get a new member, this list should be updated. Any time there is a change of address or phone number, update your listing and notify the Extension Office of the change. If anyone needs help creating a list, please notify Linda Hiatt, Carol Pinckney, or the Extension Office.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Achievement Day will be held April 23. Deadline for reservations is April 12.

We will have the Cultural Arts Exhibits and the items will be due by 10:45am that day. Voting will begin at 11:00.

We will also be announcing the Marie B. Bowen Scholarship winners at this luncheon, as well as installing the new county officers that will be elected at the February council meeting.

CRAFTING FOR A CURE

Each club is asked to make 25 items (favors) from \$1.00 - \$10.00. Items will be sold at the conference in June. All proceeds will go toward cancer research.

HOME AND FAMILY CONFERENCE

The Home and Family Conference will be held June 3 - 5 at the Wyndham Indianapolis West, 2544 Executive Dr.

There are two scholarships that you can apply for that will help with some of your expenses. There is the First Timer Award that is given through the district. I must have this form by February 15 so that our nominee can be forwarded to the district for selection. If you apply for this and do not win at the district level, our county gives an award also. Again, the application is on the website and each president should have the form in their green folder. If you cannot find the form, please contact the county president.

In addition to the First Timer Award, you can also apply for the I Want To Go Again award. If you have not attended the conference for a few years, this award is an excellent opportunity for you.

If you are thinking about going to the conference, there is a block of rooms set aside for the conference and these can be booked beginning in February. See more information on the state website, ieha-families.org. Everyone will be responsible for making their own hotel reservations.

DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

It is not too early to begin thinking about what you could exhibit at the fair.

We are always in need of volunteers to help with set up, releasing exhibits, help during judging, and watching the building. The more helpers we have, the easier it is for all. Mark your calendars:

4-H Fair Dates: July 8 - July 17; Carnival Fair Dates: July 15 - 20

