

2023-2024

LaPorte County

Extension Homemakers

Association



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.

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) which joins other states in the National Association for Family and Community Education, Inc. (FCE) with membership in the Association Country Women of the World (ACWW).

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

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.**

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.

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Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

Educational Retreats

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PRE-REGISTER IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Reserve your space by calling (219) 324-9407.

Registration begins at 2:45 p.m. for all lessons

2:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Carry-in Meal

Served from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

All Educational Retreats will be held at the La Porte County Purdue

Extension Office – 2857 West State Road 2, Suite A, La Porte

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Lend -A -Hand Days

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

An all day sew a thon that is hosted by our service club, The Steady
Stitchers at their studio at 1640 1st Street, LaPorte.

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Extension Homemakers Club 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.

- Mrs. C.W. Horne

East Galena

East Galena is one of the oldest clubs, we started in 1925, as well as one of the most active. We hope to make it to our 100 year anniversary. The club meets on the **4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.** at various locations. We have made many friends and had 3 generations of members at one time. We collect tabs for the Ronald McDonald House as well as other activities. Contact Joan Kelsey at 219-324-2894.

F.A.C.S.Y. Folks

F.A.C.S.Y. Folks meets on the **4th Friday of the month at 5:00 p.m.** Please contact Ruth Lile at 574-910-0107.

Homespun Harmony

Homespun Harmony began 37 years ago (1980) as a gathering of friends in the Rolling Prairie area. Some of the first meetings had more small children in attendance than adults! The club meets on the **3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.** at various locations. Members are from the Rolling Prairie, Mill Creek, La Porte and Michigan City areas.

Most popular for the club is their annual soup tasting night at their January meeting. Members bring a soup they have been wanting to try or a favorite recipe. Everyone has the opportunity to taste-test all the various soups. A recipe book is shared with all the prepared recipes. This event has become so big that they have soup night in January and February because

The annual picnic, Christmas party and birthday celebrations are held at area restaurants as well. The club provides support for the local food pantries, awards for 4-Hers, scholarships for 4-H camp, international water filters and more. Learning new skills at the quarterly educational retreats and sharing them with each other and with others is an added bonus.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Ray Kissinger at 219-363-4503.

Kitchen Kin

Kitchen Kin Club meets every month on the **2nd Thursday at Brentwood Assisted Living starting at 1:00 p.m.** Two times during the club year—in May and December—they have a luncheon celebration. They attend quarterly retreat meetings that include all of our La Porte clubs; area educators present many interesting lessons. Each month a club member or a guest presents a lesson from the retreat meetings or some other topic. Each month hostesses treat the club to delicious desserts or refreshments.

An annual election of club officers selects those who help to get things done throughout the year. They are involved in many community service projects such as donating school supplies at the beginning of the school year. Clothing is also donated to homeless shelters. A toy drive normally is conducted during the Christmas season.

Kitchen Kin would love to have you as a member. Please contact the Bonnie Netzer at 219-393-3959.

Merry Moderns

Merry Moderns meet on the **third Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m.** at various locations or members' homes. Merry Moderns was formed July 21, 1961. Recently, they designated the July meeting to celebrate their charter anniversary by having a special luncheon followed by their monthly meeting. Other highlights of the year include having Secret Pals. Names are drawn after the current year's Christmas gift exchange for the New Year. Secret Pals are remembers on special holidays, birthdays and Christmas. The Christmas Celebration consists of having lunch at a restaurant then on to the home of a member where they exchange gifts and enjoy a Christmas.

In August, they hold their annual picnic with a carry-in lunch usually at Salem Chapel UMC hall—no bugs to share the meal with. The month of November features their annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner with a white elephant auction. Proceeds from the auction go to benefit local food pantries.

Attending Spring and Fall District meetings allows members to keep abreast of various state and national projects. It is also a time to renew acquaintances and friendships. On occasion, the group gets together to attend a local play and have lunch either before or after the performance. The Volunteer Community Support deeds include: Donations to Purdue Cancer Research Endowment Fund, Ronald McDonald House, Coins for Friendship and Nickels for Leadership, Needles Galore, Steady Stitchers and local food pantries.

Donations of service hours were given for Threads of Compassion Shawls, Salem Chapel Fair Booth and Community Building Watchers during county fair week. Anyone interested in attending a meeting, please contact Connie Carter at 219-324-3601.

Rolling Stones

Members meet at **noon on the 3rd Thursday of the month at noon** (date sometimes varies). If you don't want to go out at night, feel free to come join them! As a club, they volunteer to do building watch at the fair, they collect pop tabs for Riley Children Hospital along with helping out a Red Cross Blood drives and preparing food for senior citizens. Contact Jan Daniels at 219-362-5188.

Steady Stitchers

The Steady Stitchers are primarily a service club. They meet every **Monday at "The Studio" , 1640 1st Street, LaPorte from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** They sew many different items to donate to various organizations in the county. Lend A Hand Day is an all-day (9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.) sew-a-thon. Contact Peggy Grzesiowski at 219-716-5003 or Janet Gourley at 219-363-8122 for more information.