

## Vigo County Extension Homemakers April 2022 Newsletter



### Important Dates to Remember

April 11	Past Presidents, Bandana's BBQ
April 15	Extension Office Closed, Good Friday
April 25	Spring Fling, Sandcut Fire Department
May 2	Council Meeting, 4-H Meeting Room at Fairgrounds
May 3	Extension Office Closed, Election Day
May 30	Extension Office Closed, Memorial Day



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### **VIGO'S SPRING DISTRICT MEETING**

Special thanks to all of our 40+ Vigo County Extension members and the officers of the Vigo County Council for pitching in, working together, and accomplishing so much for our District Meeting!!

After 2 years of planning, and in spite of the Pandemic, we were finally able to pull it off. After all, district meetings are a great time to make new friends and catch up with past ones as well.

Further business from the District Meeting will follow later in the newsletter.

### **PAST PRESIDENTS**

The April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting for Past Presidents will be held at Bandanna's BBQ at 11:00 A.M. The hostesses: Georgia Hunt, Janet Kleptz, & Jeanette Streeter, request that you wear a hat. The style is entirely up to you. The roll call will be, "your favorite flower"

### **SPRING FLING**

After two years of waiting, we will finally be able to have our Spring Fling at the Sandcut Fire House on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Burnett club wants us to enjoy the "Birds & Blooms" of spring. Due to some of their members' health issues, it would be appreciated if extra helpers from other clubs could help them before and after the

event.

Their speaker, Mike Lunsford, will be talking about the wildlife he has photographed and the Vocal Chords will be singing as well.

Our donations for the day will be to contribute to our usual county project for Union Hospital. We were already collecting snack bags, unpleated gallon bags, coloring books, and crayons for children. Now they've also requested adult coloring books and coloring pencils as well. It seems to make perfect sense that the adults need to calm their mind as well.

Registrations are due to Jamie Dickerson by April 4<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't yet sent it in, it would be appreciated if you could call Jamie to let her know you're sending it. She needs your orders for B & B ahead of time. Thank you.

### **MAY COUNCIL MEETING**

Our May 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting will be held in the 4-H room. The officers will meet at 9:00 for the Pre-Council Meeting and the main meeting will start at 10:00.

The Council is planning to send chocolate for the Home & Family silent auction. Please bring your offerings to the May Council meeting. Also at the May meeting, we vote on one creative art example to take to Conference as

well as one special project. It is to be a yard or lawn ornament that can be no larger than 12" by 16". This is to include the hanger if you use one.

## OTHER NEWS FROM IEAHA STATE OFFICERS

### 2011 Steps for Barb

Barbara Keyes, IEHA president for 2011, was initial in the beginning of the IEHA Cancer Research Endowment. She was even the one who signed the original commitment to raise \$25,000 to fund the endowment. They originally thought the fundraiser would take 5 years to reach. However, that goal has now been surpassed and is currently at \$227,000.00!

Barb lost her own battle with cancer in late 2021. The IEHA board set up the "2011 Steps for Barb" campaign to honor her while helping the endowment. They request that any who would like, can walk 2011 steps and then donate to the fund. 2011 steps aren't really very difficult to achieve in one day. Most of us walk 2-5 times more than that each day.

Afterwards, just send \$20.11 (or more) to Carol Hawn, our county treasurer, by the 25<sup>th</sup> and she can send our county's contributions in as "Other Donations" with your names listed. Participants who respond will receive one of Barb's 2011 presidential pins in the shape of a flip flop.

### Vigo County Publicity Commercial

The state officers have asked each county to prepare a three-minute commercial for our county. The plan is to show them at Home and Family Conference. (The due date is in mid-May.) It should share places to visit, views, places to eat or shop, parks, why Extension is a good idea, etc. Please put on your thinking caps and see what we can come up with. Do we have any budding video producers in our midst?

### Ideas for Special Interest Clubs

IEHA has been looking for ideas to boost the state-wide membership of IEHA. They are now encouraging us to take a look at Special Interest Clubs. Each club would still pay state & county dues, elect officers, and be encouraged to participate in community support. Some of the

suggested areas of interest are:

- Paper crafting
- Cooking/Baking
- Rock Painting
- Quilting
- Walking
- Reading/Book Club
- Travel
- Parenting
- Instruments
- Singing = Vocal Chords!

Truthfully, I feel any of these could also be incorporated into our current clubs. It's something to think about.

### Home & Family Conference

The Home & Family Conference will be held in the Noblesville Embassy Suites. This site is noticeably easier to get back and forth between the hotel and its convention center.

The overview for the conference was in the March Newsletter. If you are interested in going, you can register at [www.ieha-families.org](http://www.ieha-families.org). Conference deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Hotel reservations can be reached through a link at that site, or by calling (317) 674-9043 and speaking to Kaley Manspeaker. Reservation deadlines for the hotel IEHA rate is May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 11:59 P.M.

### JUST A THOUGHT

#### 2011 Steps for Barb

I was touched when I heard of this year's program to help raise more awareness and money for Purdue's Cancer Research Endowment. Why? It's because cancer seems to touch almost everybody's circle of family and/or friends.

You see, both of my parents came from families that had 6 children each. Only one of my mother's brothers and one of my father's brothers did not pass away because of cancer. As a result, my sister and I have been extremely aware and cautious about avoiding carcinogens.

Many wonder if cancer is because of toxins in the environment. More research is definitely needed to discover why & how it occurs, as well as how to overcome it. This is why I'm encouraging people and/or clubs to "step up" to the challenge for "2011 Steps for Barb."

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