




March 18, 1984

Dear Miss Bryan:

Enclosed is the brief report of the history of the Illinois Association of Extension Home Economists. It is not lengthy, but summarizes the high spots of our association. If you have any questions, or desire more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me. Wishing you a good day.

Sincerely,


Jananne Finck
IAEHE 50th Anniversary
Committee-Chairman



**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF
EXTENSION HOME ECONOMISTS**

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Cleo Bryan
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Dear Cleo,

Illinois organized in 1925, elected the first officers in 1926. At that time they had 25 members.

Sincerely,

Barbara Farner
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IAEHE President

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HISTORY

ILLINOIS HOME ADVISERS' ASSOCIATION

In June 1925 a group of Illinois Home Advisers decided they needed to know each other better. The next time they came together they had a dinner and talked about forming an organization.

A sense of humor must have prevailed at this dinner in 1926 when the officers were designated as chief agitator, vice-agitator, keeper of the pail, and wielder of the pen. Emphasis seemed to be placed on the nick names of the initiates.

Very soon the adoption of a constitution made it a formal organization. To widen the scope of the association representative attended an interest meeting in Minneapolis for the organization of the National Home Demonstration Agents' Association. Anna Searl became its first president; she served again later and Clara Brian was elected in 1940.

The Association chose the colors of peach and blue (high values of University of Illinois colors) in 1932.

The group has grown from 25 or 30 to more than 100. Assistant Home Advisers, who are home economists, were voted into the organization in 1946.

They have had parties at Turkey Run and picnics with the Illinois Home Bureau Federation. In 1937 they each contributed \$1.00 to help buy furniture for the 4-H House. Other projects, such as: pressure cookers and seeds for England, boxes for sons and husbands overseas; work with the State Nutrition Committee, War Council, Rural Life Conference; support for 4-H Memorial Camp, the National Share and Care Fund, International Foreign Youth Exchange and books for Phillipine teachers, as well as pen pals, all have come in for consideration of Illinois Home Advisers' Association.

The organization has been interested in legislation regarding Extension Service, better salaries and the merit system for the members. Committees have worked for good relationships with Illinois Home Bureau Federation, University of Illinois and Extension Service. There is now a memorandum of understanding between them.

Mrs. Elsie Mies, first president of the Illinois Home Bureau Federation, met with the association. Now the president visits a Home Advisers' Association meeting each year. The Association president has been made a member ex-officio of the Illinois Home Bureau Federation board of directors.

Since 1940 money has been budgeted for delegates to attend the National Home Demonstration Agents' Convention and the American Home Economics Association. Members have taken an active part in national committee work. The present fee to the Association includes dues to the Illinois Home Economics Association, American Home Economics Association and the National Home Demonstration Agents' Association.

The work and prestige of standing committees has increased as the organization has grown. The professional advancement committees gained the right of sabbatical leave. Anna Searl was first to take advantage of it.

Summer school scholarships are available to Home Advisers.

Women extension workers who qualify may be members of the honorary society, Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Each year one or two members have been recommended for national recognition to the National Home Demonstration Agents' Association.

1954 Finds the Illinois Home Advisers' Association a growing active organization with increased prestige and influence in educational areas.

1955 Found the extension program in Illinois confronted with Memorandum 1368. The importance of continuing and building good home economics extension educational programs in the county, and publicizing their results was very important.

1956 The Association appointed a committee of former Association presidents to contact Dean Howard to ask for a voice in the selection of, and policies concerning qualifications of new State Leader of Home Economics Extension.

Mrs. Kathryn VanAken Burns was presented a Life Membership to American Home Economics Association on her retirement as State Leader of Home Economics Extension in Illinois.

1957 Proposed policy on sabbatical and study leave for advisers and assistants was announced.

1958 Two advisers represented the Association at a State Extension Staff meeting on a panel in regard to the Scope Report.

A Home Adviser represented the National Home Demonstration Agents' Association on an Objective and Philosophy Committee.

The Association adopted the District Organization plan for five (5) Districts; and that a Chairman and one Alternate be elected annually from each District. The chairman and Alternate to be from different sub-districts.

1959 The Association President, and four other Home Advisers were invited to attend the Illinois Home Bureau Federation Citizenship Conference, representing the five Extension Districts.

1960 A pilot Home Economics recruitment project sponsored cooperatively by the Illinois Home Advisers' Association, Illinois Home Economics Association, Illinois Dietetics Association, and Illinois Home Economics Teachers was started in Rockford.

Purpose of project was to create more interest in the Home Economics profession.

Five Home Advisers were initiated into Gamma Sigma Delta Honorary Society in Agriculture.

1961 The Home Economics Recruitment Pilot Study in Winnebago County was started on February 7. One hundred thirty-one students were enrolled

In the study.

- 1962 A committee was appointed at the May Association meeting to study name change for the Illinois Home Advisers' Association.

Advisers were informed that for one year the Journal of Cooperative Extension would be sent to them free. Thereafter, they would need to subscribe to it for a fee of \$5.00 per year.

No action was taken at the October Association meeting on name change.

- 1963 At the January 30 meeting the Constitution Committee made recommendations that there be a President-Elect, and that she be an ex-officio member of the board.

It was recommended that the Extension Section of the Illinois Home Economics Association should not be in the Health and Welfare Section.

- 1964 The spring conference dinner speaker was an Adviser who had attended the International Congress on Home Economics in Paris, France.

- 1965 Graduate study and study leaves available. Study leave to be on full pay for six months, or one-half pay for one year.

- 1966 An extension Section in the Illinois Home Economics Association was organized on November 4.

Annual meeting of the Association was changed from May to October. Dues for Association will be paid in October of each year.

- 1967 The Extension Advisers were given the important assignment of Program planning, and were challenged to keep the full responsibility.

- 1968 Each Extension Adviser was encouraged to submit a personal data form to the State Association President. Information to be used by nominating committee, and for committee appointments.

Future committees will be appointed by Districts, and these committees will rotate.

Through the years the Illinois Home Advisers' Association has always been active in the National Association of Extension Home Economists. A number of National Officers have served from Illinois; and many Committee Chairmen and Committee appointments have also come from Illinois.

Now that an Extension Section in the Illinois Home Economics Association is a reality, the tie between the Home Advisers' Association and the Illinois Home Economics Association is stronger.

PRESIDENT OF THE ILLINOIS HOME ADVISERS' ASSOCIATION

1925 Miss Neva Woods
 1926 Miss Anna Searle
 1927 Miss Emma Scott
 1928 Mrs. Blanch Moore
 1929 Miss Lulu Black
 1930-31 Miss Clara Brian
 1932 Miss Blanche Hedrick
 Miss Mary Omen
 1933-34 Miss Anna Searl
 1935 Miss Jessie Campbell
 1936-37 Mrs. Florence Day
 1938-39 Mrs. Bessie Wilson
 1940-41 Miss Marle Daugherty
 1942-43 Miss Gertrude Kaiser
 1944-45 Miss Marian Sympson
 1946 Mrs. Jeanne Moch
 Miss Nora Bare
 1947 Miss Nora Bare
 1948-49 Mrs. Hazel Adams
 1950-51 Mrs. Helen Volk
 1952-53 Miss Marion Simon
 1954 Miss Jeannette Dean
 Mrs. Frances King
 1955 Mrs. Frances King
 1956-57 Mrs. Marjorie Tabor Heuerman
 1958-59 Miss Laura E. Heddleson
 1960 Miss Carol Rebbo
 1961 Mrs. Loretta Nagel Erke
 1962-63 Miss Alfretta Dickinson
 1964-65 Mrs. Nina Bruns
 1966-67 Mrs. Betty Hoffman
 1968 Mrs. Eloise J. Tholen

 1969-70 Eloise Tholen
 1970-71 Arvena Pearson
 1971-72 Arvena Pearson
 1972-73 Margaret Esposito
 1973-74 Oma Jones
 1974-75 Deloris Ellis
 1975-76 Lucille Steiner
 1976-77 Carolyn Swope
 1977-78 Carrollyn Hunt
 1978-79 Carmen Walgrave
 1979-80 Ann Rund
 1980-81 Ruth Johnson
 1981-82 Karen Zotz
 1982-83 Catherine R. Mauck