

The Homefront

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NEWSLETTER OF THE 4-H HOUSE COOPERATIVE SORORITY

Philanthropy Efforts By Rebecca Ries, Spring 2014 4-H House Philanthropy Chair

Each year 4-H House hosts two annual events: *Etas Bake* and *Euchre Tournament* to raise money for our philanthropy, Journey. Journey was started after two of our sisters, Jennifer and Jackie Esworthy, were killed by a repeat drunk driver in 1997. The money we raise throughout the year is used to buy cameras for police cars to aid in the conviction of drunk drivers. Our ultimate goal is to keep the people who travel the roads of Illinois safe. This year we had great success with both of our events. Our *Etas Bake* in the fall raised more money this year than the two previous years combined. The *Euchre Tournament*, which is held in the spring semester, had 16 teams participate and raised over \$600.

Besides contributing to our own philanthropy, 4-H House women are also passionate about helping our community through many smaller events. We participate in activities such as blood drives, nursing home proms, raising money for breast cancer research, writing letters to people in the military, raking leaves for our neighbors, and fundraising for organizations that girls in our house champion. One of the seniors in our house this year, Taylor Walk, was on the executive board for 2014 Illini Dance Marathon and recruited a large number of our house girls to get involved with the organization. Illini Dance Marathon raises money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

each year and celebrates the end of this fundraiser by dancing for 13 hours straight. We had 25 girls raise money for the event and attend the 13 hour marathon as well as donations from the girls in the house. This year the organization had a goal of \$100,000. Not only did everyone who participated in the marathon go above and beyond what was expected of them by raising a total of \$124,000, but 4-H House was recognized for being the top fundraising sorority on campus! This accomplishment is huge for 4-H House considering that we are one of the smallest sororities on campus. 4-H House had a great philanthropy year and we look forward to the 2014-2015 school year.



Here are the girls who participated in the Illini Dance Marathon with 4-H House's award for Highest Fundraising Sorority.

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4-H House Pledges - Class of 2017



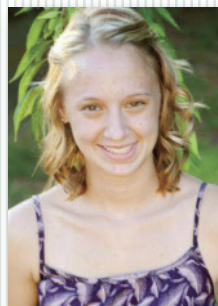
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Active President's Report

By Kelsi Ubbenga, Spring 2014 4-H House Active President

Just like always, the ladies of 4-H House continue to accomplish great things and make our organization proud! Throughout the past two semesters, 4-H House has continued to prosper. Integrating new activities and receiving prestigious honors has helped foster a deeper and stronger meaning of sisterhood between our members.

We had 17 new members this year who have adjusted to college and life at 4-H House very well. They have jumped right in and gotten involved at the house and on campus! Some of our new members have been an integral part of starting some new activities in the house, specifically Baking SPIN Club and Bible Studies.

The 4-H Baking SPIN Club hosted at the house gets local youth together to share, learn, and interact through their common interest of baking. Since many of the girls at 4-H House have such a love for baking themselves, in helping with each club meeting they teach the youth to bake something new and teach them about kitchen safety. This is a great way for us to continue to promote 4-H to youth in the local community.

Bible Studies are something that our house has done in the past, but in previous years we have failed at making this a regular occurrence. The Chaplain this semester has been putting a lot of time and passion into her position. While we're all busy with our own lives and schedules, she has set a specific day and time to have a Bible Study every other week. She has even gone out of her way to provide materials for the girls who would like to attend but are unable to do so.

Our Chaplain is also trying to provide other events that may appeal to a larger group of girls. As a group, we attended the new movie in theaters, God's Not Dead. This movie has caused a lot of talk among people everywhere. It's the story of how one college student goes against the beliefs of his professor, and risks a failing grade, in order to stand up for his own belief in God. Students everywhere have their beliefs challenged on a daily basis and this movie can help provide the strength and determination we all need to be that person who isn't afraid to stand up for themselves. Being able to share in experiences like this helps bring us together and strengthen our relationships.

This year, for the very first time, one of our new members is an

international student. Lun Ou is a junior majoring in agricultural and consumer economics with a concentration in international trade, policy and development as well as a minor in chemistry. We are very proud of her, as she has recently been awarded the International Undergraduate Achievement Award from the University, we are so proud!

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She was recognized at a banquet on April 3, and in her honor we had a rowdy half hour the night before the banquet, had cake, and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. It's always refreshing to see how supportive everyone is of their sisters at 4-H house.

It is evident that the 4-H House girls are getting involved in a variety of activities and getting the 4-H House name out there. We have recently been notified that our house is a finalist at the Greek Oscars, which is an awards ceremony to recognize the outstanding chapters and individuals in the Greek community. This is a great honor and something we are very proud of!

All in all, this has been a great year and we can't wait to see what exciting things the future has in store for us!



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4-H House: creating sisterhood & strengthening the bonds of friendship; (l-r) Taylor Rehberg & Carlie Toepper.

Your Story is needed for the 80th Anniversary Celebration

At the 80th Reunion this fall, 4-H House alumnae stories will be featured that remind us what it means to be a proud 4-H



Pat Fuchs,
80th Anniversary
Coordinator

House woman. Consider how you can tell a story that shows why you have pride and affection for the House at 805. Please contribute even if you didn't actually live in the 805 House.

You need not be a profes-

How did living in 4-H House change your life? What did the House mean to you?



sional writer. The ideal story will be factual, roughly 3- 5 minutes in length and will reflect the spirit of House life in your era. It will be printed in a booklet, and you might be asked to tell yours live as we

knit them together for a fun program at the banquet. Even if you have only a short tale to tell, please send that along, too.

Need some inspiration? Think about: what your room-

mates meant to you, crazy "exchange" moments, equipment failures, support from house sisters during a crisis, cook-crew catastrophes, fire drills, wake-up crew...the possibilities are endless!

Submit your story by June 15 via email to owensma440@gmail.com or mail to: Mary Ann Owens, 440 W. 21st Street, New York, NY 10011.

Please include your name and telephone number and/or an e-mail address where we can reach you.

Before & After: Our Kitchen Makeover Success

By Kendall Herran, Spring 2014 4-H House Manager

Nothing beats a shiny counter, and at 4-H House, the kitchen is ALL shiny! This past winter break we got a brand new kitchen thanks to many generous donors.

Before the renovation, our kitchen had ovens that would burn and undercook the same pan in one meal, a lack of counter space and a stove top that consistently was a struggle to keep bacteria free. With the renovation we gained a conventional oven for baking, a three-foot griddle, two microwaves, stainless steel counters and a number of other things. These gadgets and counters have not only made things more reliable, but they have high power and cook foods evenly.

Besides the small wares, the main attraction of the kitchen includes two ovens that are basically oven-crockpots. There is a water basin in the bottom of each that allows us to leave food in the oven overnight and keep it moist.

These new things have not only made cooking in the kitchen more safe, but it has given the house a modern feel for the 21st century. Again, thank you to the donors. Kitchen contributions are still appreciated.

We hope to have many visitors for the 80th Celebration this fall to show off our new kitchen!



BEFORE

[Clockwise from above] Counterspace before renovations; stove and ovens before renovation; new oven crockpots; new storage area and stainless steel counters.



AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER

80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join us for the 80th Anniversary Celebration of Our Sisterhood



September 26-28, 2014

If you attended the 4-H House 75th Celebration, you will have a good idea of what to expect at the 80th. If you missed the 75th, you don't want to miss the 80th! The planning committee is bringing back the best of the 75th and adding some new twists to make this a memorable weekend for all alums. Now is the time to plan to spend this weekend with your house sisters reminiscing about all of your wonderful shared experiences. There will be time for you to get together with your pledge class or other classes you lived with in the house. Each class is asked to plan a get-together at a time and place they find most advantageous. And there will be time to experience just what it means to be a 4-H House Woman.

Select from the menu of events and activities. Come to the events that work for you. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with your sisters and learn more about our shared history.

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 26, 2014

6:00 pm at the I Hotel Conference Center

- Cash Bar
- BBQ Buffet
- Silent Auction

Saturday, September 27, 2014

10:00 am to 3:00 pm at 4-H House

- 4-H House Open House
- Tours of campus
- Learn about already completed and planned renovations of our house and how you can help

3:00 pm Illinois 4-H House Assn Annual Meeting

5:00 pm at the Illini Union Ballrooms A,B,C

- Cash Bar Reception

6:00 pm Banquet

- Celebration of 80 Years of Sisterhood
- Live Auction

Sunday, September 28, 2014

8:00 am at the Illini Union Ballrooms A,B,C

- Memorial Breakfast

Share Favorite House Memories

Submit your story before June 15th via email to owensma440@gmail.com or mail to Mary Ann Owens, 440 W 21st Street, New York, NY 10011. Please include your name, phone and/or email address.



Get Involved – Volunteer Now

There is still time for you to become involved in this event. The planning committee would welcome additional volunteers, there is much to do before the event and September is not very far away. At the Friday night event, we will need help in the registration area and setting up the silent auction display, collecting money and dispensing items purchased after the auction. On Saturday, assistance at the open house is needed for registration, sale of commemorative items, assistance with accepting and recording fund raising pledges, bringing food items, directing tour participants to meet their tour guide. Some assistance is needed Saturday evening to register attendees, direct individuals to the correct table for seating, help with the story production, assistance with the live auction. On Sunday, we need help recording names of deceased alums that are not noted during the memorial. **Most importantly, we need donations for both the silent and live auctions (see page 2 of this insert).** Please contact patfuchs1612@gmail.com or 847.533.7783 to volunteer.



Additional Important Information

During the weekend festivities, we will be conducting many fund raising activities to support renovations at the house. In addition to contributing money, purchasing items, and pledging future contributions, you can also donate items to be used for fund raising.

To donate, please contact Chris Wallace by August 30. Phone or text: 217.493.2100, email: cwallace@parkland.edu. If you are not able to attend, you can send your donation item to Chris at: 2691 County Road, 1000E, Champaign, IL 61822

Please see below for a sampling of suggestions and examples to start you thinking.



Friday Night Silent Auction

Almost anything works in a silent auction. Unique items are best. Gift cards, do not sell well.

- Themed baskets (e.g.: Sports Teams such as Cubs, Cards, U of I, John Deere, gardening, scrapbooking, wine, etc.)
- Jewelry
- Hand-crafted items
- Homemade brownies, cinnamon rolls, or pies
- Dinner for two or four at a well known restaurant



Saturday Night Live Auction

- U of I football or basketball tickets, particularly sought after if they include a parking pass
- Chicago Bears or Indianapolis Colts football tickets
- Tickets to a play in Chicago or St. Louis
- A week, a weekend, or a few days in a condo or time share in a vacation destination
- One-of-a-kind handmade items
- Boat, airplane, hot air balloon rides
- Unique services offered by alums (e.g.: cater a dinner party for 8 in bidder's home)
- John Deere pedal tractors
- Larry Kanfer framed pictures (or some similarly talented photographer)
- 1/4 beef or 1/2 hog
- Quilts



Tour Offerings

There will be both van and walking tours offered on Saturday during the open house hours. Please indicate your interest in participating in one of these options on the weekend registration form and we will contact you when details are available.



Commemorative Items

A special 80th shirt will be offered. To ensure your size availability, order prior to the event. We are working on a scarf, note cards and the 80th edition of "Celebrating Our Shared History." Please check frequently on the 4-H House Alumni Facebook page and the website 4hhouse.com for details on ordering these items. Stay tuned for updates on a possible cookbook.



Lodging Accommodations

Sleeping rooms are available at the following hotels:

Hawthorne Suites, Champaign
217.398.3400 - \$94.99/night

Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign
217.352.9970 - \$121.00/night

Holiday Inn, Urbana
217.328.7900 - \$116.00/night

I Hotel, Champaign
217.819.5000 - \$129.00/night

Illini Union, Urbana
217.333.1241 - \$121.00/person/room/night (rate varies by room, bed type and number of occupants)
– INCLUDES OVERNIGHT PARKING near the Union

Check individual hotel websites or call hotels for details and reservations. Available rooms are limited at each hotel, reserve now for best options. Types of rooms and amenities vary significantly. Identify yourself as needing a room in the 4-H House 80th Celebration room block. All special room block pricing expires August 25, 2014.

80th Anniversary Celebration Registration and Donation Form

Please return this form by August 25, 2014. Please copy this form and submit a separate form for your guest(s). Please update your contact information for our database even if you are not attending the events.

Year of graduation (our database is arranged according to graduation not pledge class year) _____

Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____ First Name _____

Mailing address _____

Second home address _____

Email address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

☐ I **AM** attending the weekend event

☐ I am **NOT** attending the weekend event

Day/Date/Time/Location	Item	Price	Order
Friday, 9/26/14, 6 pm, I Hotel Conference Center	Salute to 4-House Catering Alums Pork Chop/Blackened Chicken Breast Mixed Green Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing Homestyle Potato Salad • Vinaigrette Cole Slaw Cornbread & Dinner Rolls, Fresh Fruit Platter	\$40	_____
Saturday, 9/27/14, 10 am – 3:30 pm	4-H House Finger Food & Beverages You may enter a donation amount to offset cost of refreshments if you wish	Free	_____
Saturday, 9/27/14, 5 pm (cash bar) 6 pm dinner Illini Union Ballrooms A-C	Banquet your choice of: Seared Beef Filet, Black Peppercorn, Fennel Crusted Filet w/ Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes, Petite Vegetable Medley * Grilled Mahi Mahi, w/ Herb Citronette, Couscous w/ Dried Fruits, Petite Vegetable Medley * Pappardelle Pasta Primavera w/ Sautéed Vegetables, Chardonnay Cream Sauce * * Also includes: Caesar Salad, Dinner Rolls Angel Food Cake w/ Fresh Fruit	\$60 \$60 \$60	_____ _____ _____
	I will pay for a current house member to attend the banquet or help to defray (enter amount)	\$60 each	_____
Sunday, 9/28/14, 8 am Illini Union Ballrooms A-C	Breakfast Buffet featuring 4-H House Spinach Sausage Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Seasoned Home Fries, Seasonal Fruit Salad, Pastries, Tea, Coffee, Fruit Juice	\$30	_____

Total of above _____

Please complete back of this form.



Commemorative Items, Tours and Additional Donations

Plans are underway to offer 80th Anniversary commemorative items but negotiations are not yet finalized. **Please** help us by indicating your interest in purchasing the following items. We will contact you by email or USPS with details on the items and pricing. If you are in attendance, you may pick up your items. If you are not able to attend, we will send the items to you after the celebration. You will have the opportunity to review details and prices when you order.

**Please check box if
interested in purchasing**

Item

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4-H House Alumnae Shirt

Silk Scarf

Note Cards

Commemorative Booklet of Stories

Included in Banquet meal, available separately if you do not attend banquet.

Tours

Please indicate your interest in participating in an optional tour.
We will contact you with more information on the tour when details are confirmed.

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Walking Tour

Van Tour

Donations

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I would like to support the renovations to the house by making a contribution to the **Golden and Growing Fund** in the amount of

\$ _____

In honor of _____

As part of gift from class of _____

Mary McKee Fund (tax deductible)

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Mary McKee Educational Fund \$ _____

Jennifer & Jackie Esworthy Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Mary Thatcher "Mom T" Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Nedra Wesson Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Rachel Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Fund \$ _____

My total support for the Mary McKee Fund (tax deductible) is

\$ _____

Please list sisters known to be deceased and year of graduation if known.

Total from reverse side and this page.....

\$ _____

Make your check payable to **Illinois 4-H House Association** and mail to the address below

Illinois 4-H House Association
c/o Teri Travis
2061 CR 2400 N
Thomasboro, IL 61878



Renovation Plans

The green door of 4-H House still welcomes all who enter warmly. The walls still hum with the sounds of sisters joining in favorite songs. But some things are changing at 805 W Ohio. After talking with several architects during the past year, the alum board believes the structure of 4-H House is solid. Rather than do a complete tear down, improvements will be made because the house, although more than 50 years old, was built well enough to stand another 50 years.

In collaboration with the girls living at the house and the alumni board members, renovations to the kitchen were made first. Repairs to the roof will follow next. Research and estimates are being gathered to renovate and upgrade the heating and cooling systems, bathrooms and living areas. In order to accomplish these improvements generous donations will be needed from 4-H House sisters. More comprehensive details are coming soon, but please consider donating today to keep the renovations rolling. All donations can be made to the Golden and Growing Fund and mailed to: Illinois 4-H House Association, c/o Teri Travis, 2061 CR 2400 N., Thomasboro, IL 61878.

Take A Minute

Come prepared to this year's Illinois 4-H House Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 27, 2014 by reviewing the minutes from last year's meeting. Alumnae may access the minutes on the 4-H House web site.

- 1) Go to www.4hhouse.com
- 2) Click on "About 4-H House"
- 3) Scroll to the bottom and Log In (Need help logging in? Contact membersupport@4hhouse.com)
- 4) Click on "What's New"
- 5) Scroll down to "Alumni Board Meeting Minutes"



Alumni Board President Notes

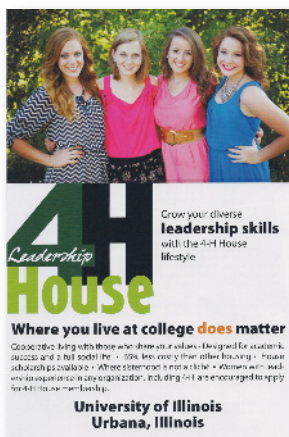
By Erin Phillips, Illinois 4-H House Association Board President

As we anxiously await the arrival of warmer weather, 4-H House has had a busy semester. If you have not visited recently, I suggest you check out our new kitchen which was remodeled over winter break and completed a few weeks into the spring semester. Thanks to Charlyn Ware and Meg Cline for leading this massive project. The Alum Board decided to have a professional whole house survey completed to evaluate our mechanical systems and aid in the long range planning of the renovations, so please stay tuned for additional updates.

While touring the new kitchen, I encourage you to take some time to get to know the young ladies of 4-H House. They had another successful interviewing season, and the chapter asked 19 new members to join in the fall of 2014. What better way to welcome in the new members and teach them about the history of our sisterhood than spending a few quality

minutes chatting about your shared experiences. I have had the opportunity to speak with past, present and future generations of 4-H House women while serving in several different positions on the Alum Board. I promise your visit will be time well spent.

One of the Marketing Committee's projects has been completed with the arrival of a new 4-H House brochure courtesy of Peggy (Peasley '68) Boston and her designer. If you have volunteered to be part of the Grassroots Network, you will be receiving a packet with the brochures for potential new members in your area. Please email elphillips33@hotmail.com if you would like to join the network.



Call for Nominations



The 80th Celebration planning has begun for the weekend festivities to be held on Sept. 26-28, 2014. If you would like to make this weekend extra special for an outstanding alumna, please nominate her for the Distinguished Alumni Award which will be given out at the banquet on Saturday evening. The application is available at www.4hhouse.com, and the deadline for submission to the Alum Board is Aug. 1, 2014. This award recognizes the individual's contributions to her community, profession, sorority, and /or university. Don't miss this opportunity to make a memorable weekend with your house sisters.

Senior Sendoff 2014

Amanda Rosendale: After majoring in Food Science and Human Nutrition, post-graduation I will be starting a new position at Quaker Oats Inc. as a Supply Chain Associate.

Anna Nugent: At the University of Illinois, I studied Agricultural and Consumer Economics with a concentration in markets and management. Upon graduation, I plan on attending John Marshall Law School and hope to practice law in the future working with children and the community.

Brittany Coons: I am planning on graduating in May of 2014. In August, I will be starting Veterinary Technology School at Parkland Community College. On December 13, 2014 I will be getting married to the love of my life. I hope to graduate from Parkland in the spring of 2016, with the goal to continue my education in Veterinary College.

Erin Ehnle: I majored in Agricultural and Consumer Economics, Markets and Management Concentration. I'm going self-employed and will continue to build my existing photography, design and creative communications business into a full-time job. My work encompasses portrait and agricultural photography and portfolio can be found on my website: erinehnle.com.

Jessica Reifshinder: I earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental

Engineering, with a primary focus in structural engineering and a secondary focus in sustainability. I will be entering the structural engineering and design industry upon graduating.

Laura Child: While at the University of Illinois I majored in Animal Sciences. I plan to attend Veterinary School after I graduate.

Renee Beitz: I majored in Speech and Hearing Science. I will be taking a year off before graduate school, working for the University of Illinois as a Visiting College Access Guidance Counselor while traveling to high schools of Illinois.

Shelby Lahey: I studied Agricultural Leadership Education and will be pursuing my masters in Agriculture Communication and Education after graduation. I will also be employed at Ohio State University as a Program Assistant in Shelby County, Ohio where I will be the Junior Fair Board Coordinator and running after-school programs for at-risk youth in the county. In addition, I will also be getting married in August of this year.

Sondra Monier: I graduated with a degree in Agriculture and Consumer Economics with my concentration in Finance, and a minor in Crop and Soil Management. I am currently working for 1st Farm Credit Services on the Agribusiness team as the Trade Credit and Leasing Specialist in Normal, IL.



Left to Right: Taylor Walk, Shelby Lahey, Sondra Monier, Renee Beitz, Whitney Lynch.

Taylor Walk: While at the University of Illinois I studied Kinesiology. I am attending Lakeview College of Nursing in the fall to receive my BSN in nursing through an accelerated program. I then plan on working as a nurse for a few years before going back to school to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Whitney Lynch: I am a Agricultural Communications, News Editorial graduate with a minor in ACES International. This fall, I will be continuing my passion for agricultural and environmental law and policy by attending Indiana University Maurer School of Law.



The girls had a blast at our tropical theme interview weekend!

Interview Weekend

By Carlie Toepper, Spring 2014 4-H House Interviewing Chair

We are so excited to be meeting such great potential new members for our new pledge class. Our first interviewing weekend was March 15-16 and the house was beautifully decorated for the tropical theme.

The eight interviewees and members of the house had the opportunity to get to know each other through a mocktail hour, limbo and mattress surfing! This weekend was also the weekend of ExplorACES and 4-H House had a booth set up at the event. Many future students and parents stopped by to ask girls about living in the one and only 4-H House. Lots of girls also stopped by to see the house and get a tour.

Our second interview weekend was held April 11-12. Since it was western themed, we all learned to line dance from one of our seniors, Amanda Rosendale. We also held other games and activities such as the usual room chats, quad tours and meals together. We will be accepting 19 girls into the new pledge class of 2018. The members of 4-H House would like to thank all of the alums for their recruiting efforts and all they do for the House. Be sure to look for the brochure our alums have made, it looks fantastic!!

Pearls of Wisdom from Our Alumnae



FEATURED ALUMNA

Lynette Phelps Werdin

Class of 1949

Grandmother of Erin Kettelkamp

Class of 2017

Our family lived on a family farm, but my father was an electrician, a useful skill at the old 4-H House. One unusual factor in this story was that my mother was nine months pregnant with her fourth child as I left to live at 4-H House my freshman year. I was really needed at home, but Mom didn't consider that. She had a strong "I can do it" trait that the women of our family have inherited.

Favorite Memories

4-H House in the fall of 1945 was full of helpful farm and small town girls who, thankfully, were willing to take me in, an almost non-cook. One of my worst fiascos was a Sunday dinner cherry pie with faculty guests present. I selected a can of non-pitted cherries by mistake for my pie, and had to explain to our guests to carefully avoid the cherry pits. Since I had to leave the U of I and the 4-H House after just two years, I never gained the privilege of sitting on the blue sofa in front of the fireplace with a boyfriend in the 202 E. Green Street house. This was a practice only allowed by juniors and seniors at that time.

In the fall of 1945 World War II was finally ending and the university, if I remember right, had about 9,000



[Left] Lynette Phelps Werdin, [Above] The pledge class of 1949 on the steps of the old house at 202 E. Green Street.

students. By spring 1946 the population doubled with GI's and their families moving onto campus. What a change! The faculty became very strict in order to drop the non-serious students, and campus was full of cars and children. These new students were no longer kids, but serious adults, ready to use their new experiences to improve the country for which they had fought.

As a member of the class of 1949 at the University of Illinois, I eventually became a graduate at Northern Illinois University in 1974 with a Home Economics major degree and minor in Library Science Education. After marrying in 1948 and having four daughters, I became the Kaneland High School Librarian in Maple Park, Illinois for 19 years.

Tips for Success

Leaving home and family for the first time and making future life changing decisions are not to be handled lightly. Your reputation will follow you and it's hard to change this impression in acquaintances minds. Future jobs and opportunities may be decided by your college reputation. The young citizens of your generation will lead our country someday. Prepare well.

Weekends to Remember

Sister Weekend - February 1

By Lauren Honeggar,

Spring 2014 4-H House Sister's Weekend Chair

Sister's Weekend is a time for the ladies of 4-H House to share their home with their sisters. This year we decorated mugs and glasses with our sisters. We also had a blast in the basement Saturday night with everyone. Pizza, pop, chips, and sweets were part of the movie/spa night. We had a great time talking, painting nails, and watching movies with all of the sisters. Although it was a late night, that time together was the best part of the weekend with our sisters.

Mom's Weekend - April 11-12

By Whitney Lynch,

Spring 2014 4-H House Mom's Weekend Chair

Mom's Weekend was a huge success! Girls and their moms enjoyed campus activities, a potluck at the house on Saturday, and the Mom's Banquet on Sunday. About 55 people attended the potluck dinner on Saturday after the Mom's Association meeting. On Sunday, about 45 girls attended brunch at Silvercreek and enjoyed a performance from The Other Guys acapella group. Moms of seniors shared their memories of the girls, and the awards ceremony spotlighted some very special girls in the house. Favors included shirts saying "Because it takes the best to raise the best" and Tervis tumblers with the 4-H House crest on them.



Senior Whitney Lynch and her mom celebrate Mom's Weekend.



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In Quest of Excellence: Scholarship Update

Lauren Honegger, Spring 2014 4-H House Scholarship Chair

One of the goals of 4-H house is to have academic success during college. The house elects a scholarship chair who has the job of staying on top of scholarships and planning the scholarship banquet. On March 13th, the house held this semester's scholarship banquet where 34 ladies from the house received above a 3.0 for the fall of 2013 semester. The ladies of 4-H house were encouraged to invite faculty members too and we had eight guests come and join us for our dinner and awards ceremony. One of those guests was Jennifer Follis. Jennifer was voted as our academic advisor for this year, and she is a lecturer of journalism and has many of our agricultural communication majors in her class. During her speech, she addressed how important it is for us to take time to listen to each other. We performed a listening activity to wrap up her amazing talk.

As an active chapter, we have been brainstorming ideas to help keep the ladies of our house focused on our academics. An idea that we have been talking about is developing a minimum GPA requirement that everyone must meet each semester. We have also been discussing the idea of the Scholarship Chair being an executive position. Academics are not only a goal of the house, but the reason we are all going to college in the first place. We hope to continue using the tutoring that the Mary McKee Board is providing for the ladies of the house as we have had about five tutors come during the week to help them with various subjects. This resource has been wonderful for our house to access and a way for us to improve in our studies.



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