



HCE NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays to you,

I/we've already had our family holidays over the Thanksgiving weekend. On Thursday we celebrated Thanksgiving, draw names for Christmas exchanges, and frosted cookies. On Friday we shopped for the "Secret Santa" present, wrapped gifts, put up the tree and decorations, stuff the stockings, and finally got to bed. Yeah! Saturday we celebrate Christmas with all the traditions and food fixings. On Sunday everyone heads home either to South Dakota or Minnesota. I hope you can imagine how quiet and peaceful it was on Monday. The good thing about this is that the "Christmas rush" is **OVER**. WooHoo. Seriously though, I do love the holidays, don't you?

We had our (long) planning meeting at the 1st Reformed Church in Baldwin this year due to the parking lot being under construction at the Extension Office. For all who made this meeting, thank you for coming and providing an excellent Pot Luck lunch at noon. As you know, the council had been looking to fill the VP position for quite a while. Thankfully, Linda Sutherland stepped up to the plate and accepted this position. **Thank you Linda**. Of course she needed to either step down from the Cultural Arts Chair, preferably, or find committee members to help. Lois Burri, Deer Park club, immediately volunteered to help as well as Stephanie Bourdon who rejoined the council. Welcome back Steph. Mary Hampton's term was up and she has decided not to do another term. Thank you Mary for all your help these last three years. You are such a sweetie. Two guests came to the meeting, Bea Hunt from Nike Neighbors and Char Croes from Deer Park Club. It was great to see you there.

We will still have Kwik Trip gift cards for awhile, so if you would like some just let Phoebe or myself know. We will try to get them to you and/or your club if need be. Say, that would be a great way or reason to come/visit one of your club meetings. Although, be aware, that I'm quite the talker, but I would love to visit at your club meetings. We are also going to continue the Meet & Greet for at least another year, although not in January or February; it's cold and sometimes bad weather. I do try to make it to every Meet & Greet and I would love to see you there. Thank you Joan Brown for continuing this. I soooo enjoy it. Great food and great conversation.

Please keep checking your **program books and newsletters** for upcoming events.

Our St. Croix County FLE, Joan Sprain, is retiring in January and moving to Florida, I believe. We would like to thank her for all the years she has been our advisor for HCE. Please send cards to the Extension Office or come to our January Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Breitbach, President; HCE St. Croix County, WI

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A Note From Joan

Dear HCE Members,

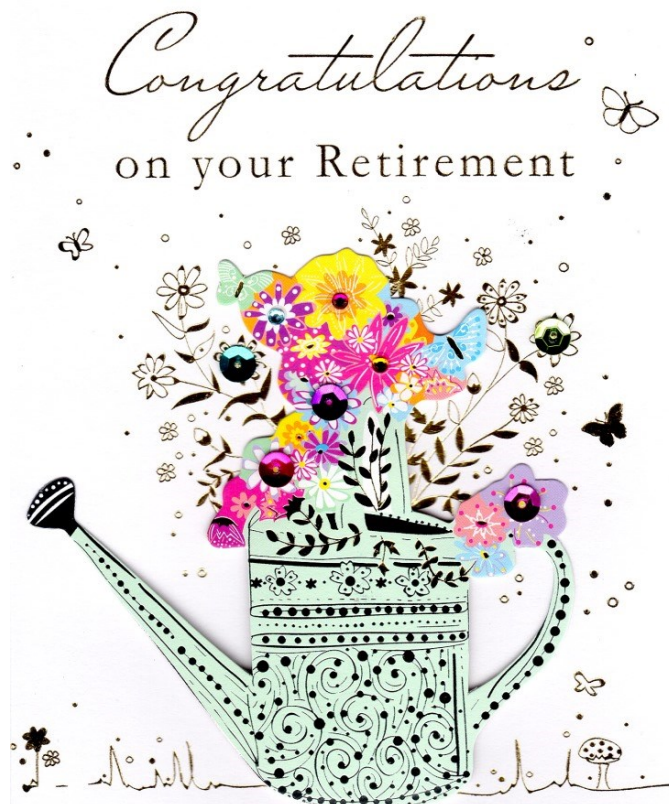
As Wanda shared, I will be retiring January 31st. This is after 11 plus years in St. Croix County (not counting the time I filled in for Mary Lestrud when Ingrid was born or the summer I was the 4-H intern) and 23 years working for Minnesota Extension just across the river. Our family's hope is to move to Florida next summer to be closer to at least one of our daughters. (Who knows where our other daughter, the geologist, will land?) Our daughter, in Florida, works as a 4-H Agent. (Got her start here in St. Croix Co., too.) She already has volunteer assignments for both my husband and myself. She is encouraging me to join an HCE group there so I know I won't be far away from Extension.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your involvement and dedication to HCE. You have provided your communities with wonderful community service, education and strong leadership on important issues. You have been there for each other during life's joys and life's sorrows. You are the backbone of many communities in the County. HCE is something special that I am not sure can be replicated by any other organization. I have been fortunate to have been a small part of it and lucky to have gained many HCE friends over the years.

Melissa Heath, Administrative Assistant, will be here to support you. I am not sure what the future will bring for my current position but I do know you are a very autonomous group and can handle just about anything.

Wishing you all the best!

Sincerely,
Joan





HCE FALL COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 2017
First Reformed Church, Baldwin

Meeting was called to order by our President and Pilot Wanda Breitbach. Roll call and Presidents—Introduced Presidents of each club and gave them gifts. H.C.E. Creed recited and Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Report: Carol gave a report. Eunice Hop made a motion to approve Secretary report, second by Phoebe Shourds.

Treasurer Report: Phoebe reported our cost for printing we pay now \$500.00. Linda Sutherland made a motion to approve the Treasurer report, second by JoLane Anderson.

Committee Reports:

Pennies for Friendship—Phoebe Shourds; Will want to give 25 cents per person for Zero Hundred Challenge. Judy Bender, Treasurer for Pennies for Friendship, will address at Spring Council. Will send in May. Phoebe made a motion, second by Joan.

Cultural Arts—Linda Sutherland; talked about two classes of growing garlic and orchids. Some plays coming up; Hudson House is performing “Come Blow Your Horn” for \$44.00. The Phipps Center is presenting stand up comics on October 5 at 12:00pm.

State Convention—Char Croes teamed up with Carolyn Menty from Deer Park. Carolyn started the project of knitting and crocheting Chemo hats which Deer Park won an award. H.C.E. and the Library Reading Club and St. Paul Lutheran Church made 175 hats to go to chemo patients. Congratulations for a job well done.

Marketing—JoLane Anderson; Northwest Marketing

BookWorms—Elizabeth Lee; read books to 3, 4 and 5 year old children and is sponsored by P.B.S.

International—Phoebe and Jean Kelley; They are having trouble getting water filters into Nicaragua as they have no money now.

Wisconsin Nicaragua Project—Phoebe and Linda Sutherland are going. They needs things—donations of cooking utensils, things for learning center, material, and baking supplies.

Fair—Phoebe Shourds; said two will be joining next spring from the Master Gardeners. Amanda Lawrence and Patricia Henderson.

Scholarships—Carol Keller; two scholarships each year. Linda Sutherland asked to consider older students. This will be voted on at Spring Council. Char Croes voted on Spring Council and second by

Marie. Forms should be filled out by April 1 and due on April 1. Talk to Scholarship Committee.

Northwest District—Wanda ; Hammond Town Hall; Thursday, April 19. Will try to get Ruth Hurtgen for the food. Joan Brown trying to get Nancy Parlin to speak.

County Bylaws—There has been some changes. We will vote on them at Spring Council on May 4.

Officer—Wanda need to vote in a member for Vice President. Wanda was voted in as our President. Phoebe made the motion for her to be President, second by Marie.

Lois Hall Birthday—Joan Brown talked about Lois Hall birthday. I hope we all have a good turn out as she will be 100 years old and a member of H.C.E. for 73 years. The party will be held at Warren Town Hall on October 21 from 11:00am to 3:00 pm. Congratulations Lois, you have been a dedicated member and you look good.

Program Flight to Asia—Wanda is our Pilot, Eunice is our Tour Guide, Jean is our Flight Attendant. Tour Guide—Eunice; first stop Isreal. Talked about International Day of Peach and Rash Hashanan, the Jewish New Year. The flag with the Star of David.

Flight Attendant—Jean; the next trip Japan. A snack from China. Told a story of Sadako who was a good runner and trained, but would get dizzy and ended up at the hospital with Leukemia. She heard cranes and her wish would come true. She made 600 and died. The school children made the rest and buried it with her.

Eunice gave the next stop at India. She sent around how cashews are growing in India. Guest speaker Nancy Parlin talked about India.


Jean Kelley a stop at China with a supper of chow mein.

Jean presented our last stop at Saudi Arabia and presented a hand out concerning Muslims.

Local Guide was Joann Bolt and talked about the cashews as they grow in India as they grow and they grow outside a fruit they call an apple and the seeds are at the bottom.

Now we are nearing Baldwin and our flight has come to an end.

Meeting was closed with the prayer.



Get your Kwik Trip gift cards as an H.C.E. fundraiser instead of directly from the store.

Just a reminder -- that if you need some last minute Christmas ideas

There are \$5, \$10 and \$20 Kwik Trip Gift cards available. Just me know and I will get to you.

Phoebe Shourds - pnpaulson@yahoo.com or call 715-821-1606

St. Croix County Planning Meeting
November 13, 2017; 12-3:30pm
First Reformed Church, Baldwin

Meeting was opened with the Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Marie Nelson, Betty Lee, Donna Wilcoxson, Eunice Hop, Jean Kelley, Linda Sutherland, Mary Hampton, Phoebe Shourds, Carol Kobernick, Lois Burri, Wanda Breitbach and JoLane Anderson.

Guests: Stephany Bourdon, Bea Hunt and Char Croes.

Secretary Minutes—Read and approved by Betty Lee and second by Marie Nelson

Treasurer Report—Phoebe talked about Kwik Trip Cards. Eunice made a motion to keep Kwik Trip cards and second by Marie. JoLane approved the treasurer report with a second by Linda.

Joan Sprain informed that the office will charge for paper and postage now. Joan will be retiring January 1, 2018.

St. Croix County Fair: Phoebe said the silent auction went well and the book sales were good but need to get rid of some old books.

Stephany Bordon joined the board. We are so glad to have her back. Eunice and Jean will stay on International. They do a great job. Linda will take the Vice President if somebody will take Cultural Arts.

Northwest District is April 27. Phoebe, Eunice, Linda and Jean are on the committee and are discussing options for different places to have it.

Talked about the East Immanuel tea party. It's out at our outdoor chapel with a Labyrinth garden.

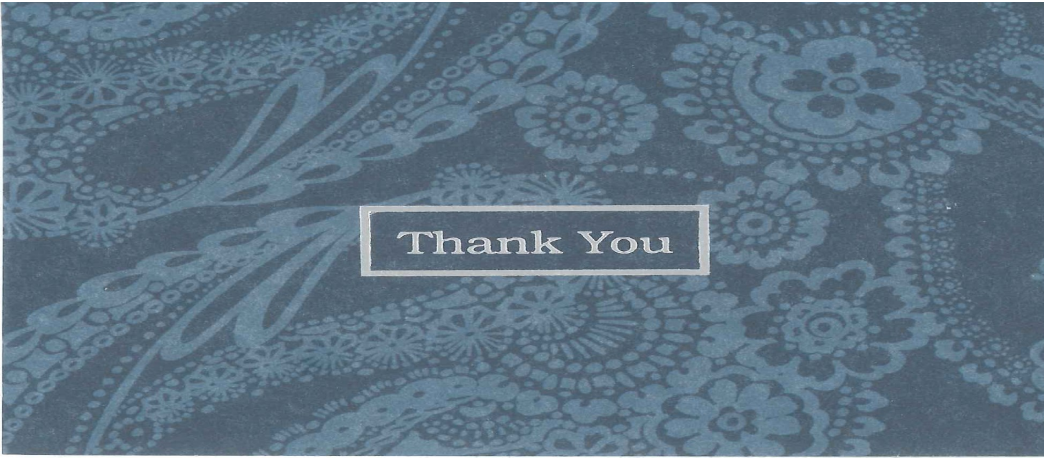
Closed with the Prayer

Jean made a motion to adjourn with a second by Lois. Meeting was adjourned.



Bookworms TM

Shirley Grinley and Elizabeth Lee read each month to children at Head Start. The picture to the left is from Halloween, where they read to 45 children.



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State Convention Report

As I went to the state convention last September. I would like to share with you a couple of classes that I took.

The first one was called Cyber Security. One of the most important lessons I got out of the class is never give out your Social Security number your date of birth or your mothers maiden name. Also never give out your credit card number. There are all kinds of scams out there that are easy for unscrupulous people to get your money. Never throw away anything with your name and address on it. The best thing you can have to help prevent this is a paper shredder. This will get rid of your name and addresses. The best role of thumb is if it sounds too good to be True it is. So be careful of the different scams out there. To check and see if something is a scam you can call The Bureau of Consumer Protection number is 800/422-7128. I do have some handouts with all this information and if you would like to read it or take one to your club please let me know and I will make sure that your president gets a copy of it.

Another class that I took with Spirits of Sauk County This was a class on different places that have spirits in them. It's a tour and they mostly talked about Baraboo the circus world the spirits that are there. There's also a haunted downtown tour Spirit Walk also Rickshaw ride that will give you a tour of the different places in downtown Wisconsin Dells. That was interesting, she had a lot of pictures and documentation.

These were two of the classes that I took at our state convention. I would like to thank HCE for allowing me to take these classes it was interesting and well worth the time.

Thanks

JoLane Anderson
District/north west merchandise

Save the Dates

NVON Annual Conference

July 16-18, 2018

The Country Springs Hotel
2810 Golf Road
Pewaukee, WI 53072

We invite you to join us in Pewaukee, on the edge of Milwaukee for the 2018 National Volunteer Outreach Network Conference.

We are planning wonderful tours and enlightening workshops to enhance the joy of being with our fellow NVON members from Wisconsin. You can fly into Milwaukee's General Mitchell Field and catch a taxi from there. To make reservations for The Country Springs Hotel -- Reservations can be reached 24/7 at (262) 547-0201. Room Rate: \$99 (1-2 occupants) \$10 each additional occupant.

Just mention the dates or group: NVON or the dates July 15 -18, 2018. We have reserved several rooms for Sunday night, July 15, plus Monday thru Wednesday nights.

See you in Pewaukee! (There's a pool, a sauna, and a whirlpool, so bring your swim suit! Waterpark tickets are extra).

Donna Zarovy, Conference Chair -- 262-857-7502 OR Yvonne Belonga, Co-Chair -- 920-897-3134

WAHCE Annual Conference

September 17, 18 & 19, 2018

The Country Springs Hotel
2810 Golf Road
Pewaukee, WI 53072

We invite you to join us in Pewaukee, on the edge of Milwaukee to see how "HCE Springs Into Action".

We are planning wonderful tours and enlightening workshops to enhance the joy of being with our fellow HCE members from Wisconsin. The Southeast District is working hard to make it happen.

To make reservations for The Country Springs Hotel -- Reservations can be reached 24/7 at (262) 547-0201. Just mention the dates or group: WAHCE (Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education) September 17-19. There are rooms reserved for Sunday night, September 16 if you plan to come in then, plus Monday and Tuesday night. Room Rate: \$99 (1-2 occupants) \$10 each additional occupant.

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Donna Zarovy, Conference Chair -- 262-857-7502 OR Chris Werner, Conference Co-Chair -- 262-857-3458

meet & greet

No Meet and Greet in December as all are too busy getting ready for the holiday. Happy Holidays to all our members.

The weather is unpredictable in Wisconsin during the months of January and February! These months we will not be holding Meet and Greets to avoid dealing with cold temperatures and bad roads. We will start meeting again in March, so please stay tuned to your next newsletter of where that will be held.

Committee: Joan Brown 715-749-3302 and Wanda Breitbach 715-248-3806

** See you in March **

Woods 'n Hills Club

The Woods 'n Hills Club was organized in 1973. There have been many friendships made over the past 44 years and they still have a club with a membership of 17 ladies. We are saddened to announce that three of our members have passed away in 217.



We will miss our friends:

Kim Lagerstrom—passed away February 2017

Joan Richie—passed away April 2017

Jan O'Connell—passed away July 2017



Deer Park Holiday Fair
December 9, 9:30am-1pm
Deer Park Community Center

Come take part in the Deer Park Holiday Fair. Santa will be there from 10am to 1pm. Lunch will be offered, children's store, fish pond, baked goods, and some area vendors.



Newsletter

Newsletter

Please check with your members if they are receiving the newsletter each time they are published. With the changing membership list, somebody may have gotten missed.

If you are getting the newsletter in the mail and would prefer to receive this as an email, please let Melissa know and I will update the records. Melissa can be reached at 715-531-1930.

Club News:

Glover—Members viewed Betty Rudesill's quilt that was named best of show at the County level. Phoebe reviewed the St. Croix County Fair. The Master Gardeners did a really good job, the silent auction went well and the book sale went well. Officers were elected, current officers remained. Phoebe will host the next meeting at United Methodist Church at 1pm making pillow cases. The November meeting will be to share an ethnic recipe from our ancestors and tell why it's special. The next meeting will be October 19. Members shared history of one of their ancestors who they are, where from and how they immigrated to the United States. This was a very interesting discussion, with ancestors coming from Denmark, Russia / Czechoslovakia / Prussia / Ukraine and what is now Ukraine, Ireland, Germany, Black Sea Germans from Russia, and Norway. Members agreed that all left their homelands to seek asylum from conscription into the service and/ or to seek a better life. Members have added exercise into their daily routine as part of last month's meeting. Monthly lesson was to make pillow cases for shelters presented by Betty and Phyllis. Members sewed pillow cases for 2.5 hours. The members decided it is up to the hostess if snacks will be provided at meetings. The November meeting will be held at Wellhaven on November 16 at 2:00pm. The Christmas party will be at Betty's on December 21 at noon. The main dish will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. Club members delivered 20 pillows, 31 homemade pillowcases to Our Neighbors Place. A quilt (donated by Comfort Keepers, which several members belong to) was also delivered. Two members received awards for entries in the State Cultural Arts Contest. The monthly lesson was on family recipes.

Happy Valley Hour—Club received a nice letter and beautiful picture of Noviah and her sister from His Arms. She is a teenager, very outgoing girl. Noviah wanted to thank our club for sponsoring her. The letter stated what a difference you have made in this girl's life. The club discussed the Fall Council, thought it went well, maybe a little long. A special thanks to Joan Boldt for being our speaker. We hope you had a good time on Flight 77 to Asia. A special thanks to the Pilot, who got us back home safe. Ruth will send Pennies for Friendship to Phoebe before October 31. The monthly lesson was on Islam presented by Eunice. The club members will sponsor Noviah again through His Arms. New member, Sue Pierson joined the club. The monthly lesson was on Health & Heart exercise presented by Eunice.

Honey Doers—Club members packed 36 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Club members also donated to the Back Pack lunch program at Viking Middle School. Monthly lesson was the annual craft sale that is used as their fundraiser each year.

Lincoln—Prior to the meeting, members enjoyed a song played on Kathy's old Edison cylinder player. Kathy served a retro meal and dessert in honor of our 88th year as an HCE club. The Christmas party will be on December 15 at 6pm at Louise Peterson's residence. Club members divided up the menu and each will bring 6 cookies. Members brought items for the Family Resource Center and Kathy will drop them off. Club members signed a card for Lois Hall for her 100th birthday celebration. The monthly lesson was each member made two cards using stamps, ink pads and various additions. The lesson was presented by Kathy and she also shared two scrapbooks of her trip to Alaska. Kathy dropped off the items members donated to the Family Resource Center. The January meeting will be on the 16th at 6pm at Joan's.

Nike Neighbors—The family picnic was at 1pm on a Sunday afternoon at the Coleman home. They went to two homes for the progressive dinner. The club picnic basket sold for \$80.00 at the Fair. The club voted to donate \$75.00 to the Roberts Library pavement fund. The four members that attended Fall Council reported on the event. They enjoyed the program and food. Members signed a card for Lois Hall for her 100th birthday. The club donated to St. Croix Central Back Pack fund. The monthly lesson was on uses for ordinary things presented by Donna.

Springfield—Fall Council was discussed by the members that attended. There were no changes in place for Meet and Greet. We will continue as a club for another year. The club may disband in 2018.



**Ag Services and
Education Center
Hours of Operation:**
Monday—Friday
8:00 am—4:30 pm
715-531-1930
(Joan or Melissa)

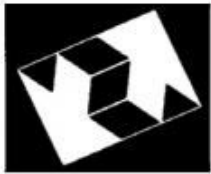


Calendar of Events

2018 HCE Calendar of Events

| Month | Date | Event - 2018 | Location/Time |
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| Jan | 1 | Submissions to UPDATE Britelites | Marcelline Protheroe |
| Jan | 9 | Executive Board Meeting | Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm |
| Feb | 13 | <i>Spud/Heart Healthy Class Diabetes/Heart Health</i> | Ag Center 11:30 |
| Mar | 13 | Executive Board Meeting | Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm |
| Mar | 20 | Special Interest – Jam It Out/Be Food Wise | Ag Center 11:00 – 3:00pm |
| Apr | 19 | Spring District Meeting (St. Croix Co. host) | Roberts Town Hall |
| May | 4 | Spring Council Meeting / Women Walk the World – (Honey Doers Club) | <i>Hammond Town Hall</i> |
| May | 15 | Executive Board Meeting | Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm |
| July | 10 | Executive Board Meeting - | Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm |
| July | 16-18 | NVON – Pewaukee WI | Pewaukee WI |
| July | 18-22 | St. Croix County Fair/Master Gardeners | Glenwood City 9am-9pm |
| Aug | 1 | Conference items Due: Service Awards, Cultural Arts Registration, etc. | |
| Aug | 11 | Farm City Day (2 nd Saturday) | Pending |
| Sep | 11 | Executive Board Meeting | Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm |
| Sep | 16-19 | State Conference – | Pewaukee, WI |
| | | Office to mail out Club Packets | |
| Sep | 22 | Fall Council Meeting | Deer Park Community Center |
| Oct | | International Night | TBD |
| Oct | 4 | Fall District Annual Meeting – | Barron County Government Ctr. |
| Oct | 31 | Club Dues are Due to treasurer | |
| Nov | 4-11 | HCE Week | |
| Nov | 13 | Potluck - Planning Meeting/Elections | Ag Center 12:00 – 3:30pm |
| Nov | | Items to Family Resource Center | On going |
| Dec | 1 | Deer Park Holiday Fair (1 st Sat in Dec) | 9:30 – 1:00 |





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As more HCE members find out about how helpful they can be to the women in Nicaragua by donating needed items, we are getting more inquiries about what is and is not needed, which is a good thing. Due to the increasing cost and decreased availability of containers for shipping, it is more important than ever to only send needed items in good condition. Please take a look at the attached list put together by Leonor who helps with the Learning Centers in Nicaragua. In addition to the list, **if you were teaching sewing, cooking or beauty (hair) what supplies would you need? These are the items most needed by the women in Nicaragua right now.**

Not only do the materials help women earn income, but also in the attached examples document, you can see how the materials are used in the schools as well.





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Room 129 Nelson Hall, UWSP
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-346-4702 wnp@uwsp.edu

Thank you for your interest in helping the Nicaraguan women have the supplies needed for the Learning Center classes that teach valuable skills, helping them to earn an income and care for their families.

We have asked the leaders in Nicaragua for guidance in collecting supplies. Please be extra attentive to send only items of good quality and in good condition. Any questions, please contact W/NP.

High Priority:

Variety of fabric is welcome including cotton, flannel etc.
Thick fabrics for bags/backpacks
Satin, Taffeta - for lining bags
Felts - all colors needed
Dacron (polyester batting)
Sewing thread
Crochet things
Yarn for knitting
Bias tape in widths of 1/2, 1, and 2 inches
Zippers for dresses and purses from 8" in size
Raffia of different colors
Craft eyes (googly eyes) for crafting projects
Hand and machine needles
Scissors for cloth cutting
Small scissors for embroidery
Seam rippers
Rulers that measure in centimeters
Textured/Craft Scissors (scissors that cut different patterns or lines)
Fabric pencils for making colored and softer fabrics
Lace
Fabrics for stuffed animals in different colors
Paint brushes for canvases
Plastic Canvas (for needle point or other crafts aka canvas mesh)
Molds for foam crafts
Styrofoam – forms and plastic balls of different sizes
Craft glitter for decorating
Hot Glue Gun with Glue
Irons and Ironing Boards



Medium Priority:

Crochet knitting needles (for knitting 2 needles)
Things to make jewelry i.e. beads, rivets, clasps, stones, etc
Jewelry Pliers
Head Pins
Chinese Paper (Oragami?)
Cake decorating supplies and ideas
Magazines for crafts
General ornaments for crafts
Clothing catalogs or figurines
NEW Patterns for girls and boys
clothing (no missing pieces)



Not sending:

Used patterns and warm fabrics

Note: *Many of the items listed above can be bought in Nicaragua, but the women do not have the financial resources to do so. You are always welcome to donate funds specifically for purchasing Learning Center materials – this alleviates the shipping costs and meets their immediate needs. Thank you*



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“The young people of Sacred Heart School of Jesus, San Benito, Nicaragua learn hand crafts and make hair pieces. Thank you to Wisconsin for the lace, fabric, needles, threads and ribbons that we have for making this learning possible.”
- Estella (yellow shirt)

Note: Left, Estella demonstrates how they used **Gaylord box material** to make a table and drawers for the sewing machine stand.



The 2017 W/NP Learning Center Trek participants, including 12 HCE members, stopped at this Learning Center and purchased some of the handcrafts that help sustain the school and center.

