



# HCE NEWSLETTER

October/November 2017

St. Croix County Association for Home and  
Community Education



Hello and Happy Fall to all,

October for me is Apple season first and foremost; then comes Halloween. But apples fresh from the tree, what could be better. I've heard that we should be eating three (3) apples a day, has anyone else heard that? Did you know that October is National Apple Month? Oh my gosh, when I went to the grocery store the other day and looked at all the apples it made me think of the plethora of abundance we have available right at our fingertips. There were all kinds of apples; Gala, Fuji; Pink Lady; Red and Green Delicious; Granny Smith; Honey Crisp; and my favorite, of course, Braeburn. We lost most of our apples from our tree with the high winds and damaging winds this summer. Darn.

Another great State Conference was held in Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton this year. There were ten(10) of us from St. Croix Co. that attended. We learned some interesting things there. We had a lot of winners in the Cultural Arts Event. Since Linda Sutherland is the State Cultural Arts Chair now, I'm sure she will have more about that event. I think at our planning meeting in November, we discuss/plan on having a special interest night in February on three of the classes that we attended. Please come to the planning meeting. We need your input on what you would like to see and/or do for next year's program.

If you didn't make it to our Fall Council/International night, we had a very nice "flight" on HCE Airlines flight 77. We visited five (5) different countries; had delicious Asian food; guest speaker was Joan Boldt who talked about India. Eunice did all the planning for this momentous trip. Thank you Eunice Hop. You are amazing! We discussed so many things at this meeting. Carol Kobernick, our secretary, was overwhelmed, I'm sure. One thing that was important for me, was the vote for me to be President, which a motion was made, passed, and carried. I've felt very uncomfortable since volunteering to complete the Vice-President position on council, then becoming co-president with Maggie Hall this last year and assuming the "President's" position by default. So, I asked for this issue to be presented at Fall Council for a vote; thank you all for the unanimous vote. It just soothes my conscience I guess. **WE DESPARATELY NEED A VICE PRESIDENT** to come on the board. Please, prayerfully, consider this position. Obviously, you will see from Carol's secretary report everything else that was discussed and voted on. Thank you Carol.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT: the fall NW district meeting is sponsored by Polk county this year on Oct. 19 at the Community Center in Cushing. There will be a flyer in this newsletter for registration, cost, etc.. ST. CROIX.COUNTY is sponsoring the NW District Spring Council. We need help in organizing this event. It will be held at the Hammond Hall on April 19, so PLEASE let us know if you or your club could help us.

Hope you all have a Great Fall, and I hope to see you at the NW district meeting or the County November planning meeting.

Thanks,  
Wanda Breitbach, President; H: 715-248-3806 or Cell: 612-719-6017  
St. Croix County HCE

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**St. Croix County Executive Board Meeting**Tuesday, September 5; 2:00pm  
Agriculture & Education Center

Meeting was opened with the Creed.

**Roll Call:** Present—Marie Nelson, Eunice Hop, Jean Kelley, Joan Sprain, Lois Burri, Wanda Breitbach, JoLane Anderson. Absent—Maggie Hall, Betty Lee, Donna Wilcoxson, Mary Hampton

The meeting was called to order by our President Wanda Breitbach

**Secretary Report**—Phoebe Shourds and Lois Burri motion to accept; approved.

**Treasurer Report**—Phoebe talked about the Kwik Trip cards. Jean Kelley and JoLane Anderson made motion to accept; approved.

**St. Croix County Fair**—The silent auction baskets did excellent and we also did well on the book sales. Two of the Master Gardeners signed up as H.C.E. members.

**Committee Reports**

**Cultural Arts:** Linda Sutherland made a basket for Conference. The baskets title is “All About Her.” Linda will announce in the fall for what we would do for cultural arts. An idea was to go to a play or something new. Would like Jean Kelley and Wanda Brietbach to show the string cards they showed in Nicaragua when they were there.

**Fall Council:** Thursday, September 21. Eunice Hop discussed the agenda and how to shorten the business meeting. She discussed about having roll call at the registration table and other ways to shorten the meeting. Thank you Eunice for all you do for the Fall Council. You do an excellent job. They also discussed Presidents gifts. The cost is \$10.00 and to be paid at the door. Joan Sprain is attending a County budget meeting so she might not make it to Fall Council.

**International:** Jean Kelley will put in an order for in things from WI Nicaragua dresses, coffee, etc.

**New Business**

Joan Sprain retires January 31. Her position ill be different and will cover Polk, Pierce and St. Croix Counties. Kristen Bruder will be the advisor for Polk, Pierce and St. Croix County.

**Bylaws:** A special thank you to Char Croes for coming up with the bylaws and getting them sent to Wanda. You are always on top of things. Thank you from all of us at H.C.E. We discussed some changes in the bylaws, which one is dues cost \$10.00 now. More will be discussed later. There was discussion of putting the bylaws on a flash drive to make it easier to find them. We are looking for a new Executive Board Vice President to be discussed at Fall Council.

**Northwest District:** Meeting will be held April 27 with committee Phoebe, Eunice, Linda and Jean. The committee will be checking into different places to host Northwest District meeting.

H.C.E. week discussion for next year on what we can do to celebrate it. Linda made a motion to close the meeting and Phoebe second it. The meeting was closed with the prayer.



Here Comes Excitement in the Dells!!

Another great conference under our belts. I went on the Mansion/WildCat Tour. Visiting the AL. Ringling Mansion, under restoring to original homestead. Excellent tour. Also visited the Wild Cats Sanctuary near Baraboo – about 30 lions/tigers and leopards under their care. All well taken care of. The lessons I took after the business meetings were: Downsizing, Food Waste and the Polar Bear Story. My Most exciting thing was I won a Medallion on my photograph this year. Taken on one of the Polynesian islands I was on this past winter. Eunice and I visited the Crane Foundation research site after the conference was over – also a must see. Just south of the Dells.

Submitted by Phoebe Shourds

WOW!

We all had fun at State Conference in Lake Delton. I think I was the only one from our county on the Dells boat tour. It was a beautiful day for the ten mile round trip on the upper Dells of the Wisconsin River. We could hike to Stand Rock where a dog leaps the chasm between sandstone rock outcroppings. Another port of call is for Witches Gulch, a mysterious glen that draws one through a narrow canyon. Many of you have seen these and the other rock formations but I had not been there since I was a young child. I also learned about tools with which to carefully observe nature, human trafficking, Cheese from sheep milk, polar bears, Ho-Chunk Nation culture, conservation of cranes at the International Crane Foundation and the educational program about food waste. We hope to share some of this information with the you in the future.

Submitted by Eunice Hop, [wehop@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:wehop@baldwin-telecom.net) or 715-684-2052.

Here's a picture of Phoebe wearing her new HCMC shirt. This is one of the new items that I brought back from state. The shirt is very comfortable and breathe as well. If this is something you would like to have. I will be at the district meeting for you to look at them.

I brought back several new items from the state convention and will have them at the district meeting on October 19th. Just remember Christmas is coming and everything I carry will make nice Christmas gifts.

Please contact me at 612-889-7788 for more information

Thanks

JoLane, St. Croix County Marketing/District Marketing





It was another successful State Cultural Arts show for St. Croix County HCE. Two entries received blue ribbons and medallions. I was very pleased with the show and the talent within the state this year, both were awesome. 45 counties were represented with 411 entries exhibited. St. Croix County winners are: Phoebe Shourds—Photo “Blush”; blue & medallion. Lois Burri—Eagle cross stitch picture; blue & medallion. Eunice Hop—Essay “Panama Trip”; red. Melodee Sortedahl—Short Story; “The Hole; blue and Crafts—cards; red. Carol Keller—Sewing Apron; red. Elizabeth Lee—Dish Towels; blue. Betty Rudesill—Baby Quilt, Animal Zoo; blue. Char Croes—Knitted Hat/Scarf/Mittens; red. Lucille Gedatus—Bonus Item; non winner. The bonus winner was Michelle Hansen from Washington County. People’s Choice winners were Margaret Thiele—Bed Quilt; Portage County and Anita Schuller—Crocheted tablecloth; Kewaunee County. Being in charge of the show was quite an experience and I would like to thank those who helped out. The judges comments on the quality of the entries and I even received a thank you card and offer to judge again next year from one of the judges. Start thinking ahead to 2018 in Pewaukee and be sure to bring your creations to our Spring Council art show next year. P.S. Hattie Claire everybody even stopped by after Monday night dinner with a couple of jokes. She plans on starting a hint and help column in our newsletter. Be sure to watch for it.

Linda Sutherland, Cultural Arts Chair

I hope land transportation got you all safely home from our Flight to Asia. I also hope I gave you some ideas for club meetings.

I did not have time to share what I wanted to from the book of Sadako the Japanese girl who made paper cranes and whose monument is in the Hiroshima Peace Park. It would make for a nice meeting to talk about that.

I also did not do justice to the study of Muslims. I think it is important to know about Islam and suggest you learn more. If you need more of the handouts I distributed, ask me.

Remember, a few years ago we made kits of book and materials about various countries for county libraries? Well, those kits outgrew the bags and are now in plastic containers and since one library could not hold them all, a few are in each county library. You could check out one and use that material for a good club meeting. Keep learning, studying, and sharing about other countries.

Eunice Hop, HCE international committee member

The Theme for 2018 State Conference is  
"HCE Springs in to Action"

Bonus Category for Cultural Arts not known until after November 2017 Board Meeting

**Dues time again!!!**

Reminder dues are \$10 this year. They will be due Oct 31/Nov 1. If you signed up after July of this year you do not need to submit any dues until next year.

PHOTO RELEASES – Melissa has put two kinds in your Secretary packets – 1 for individual people and 1 for group. I’m going to work on making that easier for next year. NOTE: I heard from someone at conference this past week – if you write – **“Keep on file until I tell you otherwise”** you won’t need to sign again in the future. Individual members should also submit a photo release.

I have been remiss in asking for Financial reports from each club – so after the end of this year I will be asking for a copy of your year end financial report. Not going anywhere just need to have on hand in the event the state ever gets audited – counties get audited – clubs get audited. So keep good records.

Please send your membership and dues to either Melissa Heath at the Extension Office or Phoebe Shourds, 401 State Road 65, River Falls, WI 54022  
Submitted by Phoebe Shourds



Thank you HCE for awarding me the state convention prize. I had many interesting classes including: International, The Spirits of Sauk County, and Downsizing. The downsizing class was timely because I have just moved and threw away or gave away more than half of our possessions realizing, as the instructor said, that what really means something to you, are the memories and relationships and experiences you have with others not things. A souvenir or two of a favorite place you visited or a memento from a loved one is all you need. Some people take all of the things of their deceased parents' house but they are not your memories, they only mean something to your parents. It is so freeing to simplify your life of clutter and it lets you concentrate on the important things.

Also, much credit given to Eunice Hop, Phoebe, Jean and other Fall Council committee members. Eunice always re-invents ideas and makes them fun still. Very enjoyable, Great job!

Stephany Bourdon

(About a month ago, I received this email from a friend that illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology.)

These phrases included “Don’t touch that dial,”

“Carbon copy,”

“You sound like a broken record” and “Hung out to dry.”

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie.

Straighten up and fly right.

Heavens to Betsy!

Holy Moley!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley, and even a regular guy couldn’t accuse us of being a knucklehead. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when’s the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers.

Oh, my aching back. Kilroy was here, but he isn’t anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, well I’ll be a monkey’s uncle! We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we’ve left behind. We blink, and they’re gone. Where have all those phrases gone?

Hey! It’s your nickel.

Don’t forget to pull the chain.

Knee high to a grasshopper.

Well, Fiddlesticks!

I’ll see you in the funny papers.

Don’t take any wooden nickels.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills.

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child, each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It’s one of the greatest advantages of aging.

See ya later, alligator! Wanda Breitbart

1st Annual

# Oktoberfest

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

**5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Gibby's Lanes & Banquet Facility • New Richmond**

**Little Falls Music Makers • 5-7 p.m.**

**Rural Route 5 • 8-Midnight**

**German Style Foods • German Beer**

**Polka Band • Hammer-Schlagen**

**Serving:** Beer Braised Bratwurst, Schweineschnitzel, Cheddarwurst, German Potato Salad, Spatzel & Caramelized Onions, Sauerkraut, Assorted Breads & Rolls

**Dessert:** German Chocolate Cake & Apple Strudel

**Advance Tickets: \$30**

**Available at:** WESTconsin Credit Union - Baldwin, New Richmond & Hudson

Gibby's Lanes & Banquet Facility - New Richmond

First National Community Bank • Prism Plastics - New Richmond

Bernard's - RAM • Chrysler • Dodge • Jeep

*Also available at the door the day of event.*

**Event Proudly Sponsored by Gibby's Lanes & Banquet Facility,  
The Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds & Prism Plastics - New Richmond**



## NORTHWEST DISTRICT FALL MEETING

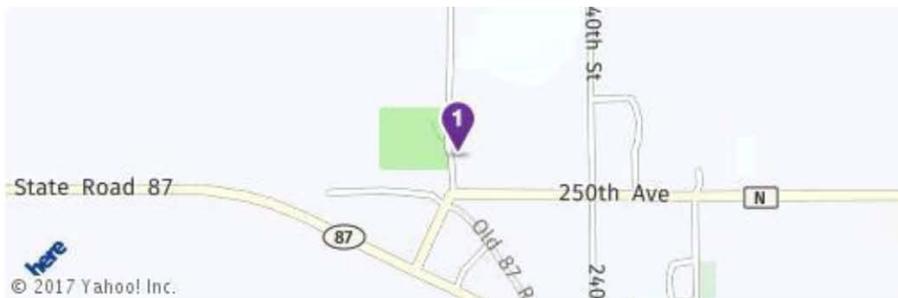
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October 19, 2017

Cushing Community Center

2510 – 241 St. Cushing, WI

9:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee \$12.00 by  
Mail Registration to Cheri Scovell - 1877 130<sup>th</sup> St. Balsam Lake WI 54810



## **Club News:**

**Lincoln**— Joan showed us the quilt she and others made as a donation for the Family Resource Center auction. It will be on display at the Windmill Piecemakers Quilt Show this Friday and Saturday. The club members enjoyed their time at Taking Time for Tea on June 27. Club members enjoyed a nice picnic at Joan's on June 20th. Jody, Louise and Joan worked in the KCE building during the St. Croix County Fair. Club Officers were selected and dues collected. Members were reminded of Fall Council/International Night September 21 at 5:00pm at the First Reformed Church. The Meet and Greet were discussed. Kathy will host the October meeting on the 17th. Club members will bring items to donate to the Family Resource Center. The November meeting will be on the 21st at A&W at 6pm. The Christmas party will be on December 15 at 6pm at Louise's. Information was shared about the Monster Mash Bash on October 27th and the Virtual Dementia Tour November 2nd. The monthly lesson was creating twin pumpkins presented by Jody Wolski.

### **Meet and Greet Opportunities**

*Wednesday, October 25 at Barnboard Grill  
Corner of Hwy 65 and TT, Roberts*

*Wednesday, November 15 at Perkins Restaurant  
1109 N Main St., River Falls*

◆ *Note Change of Date due to Thanksgiving \**

**There will be no Meet and Greet in December**

Meet and Greet gatherings are at 11:30 am.

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

- ◆ Please call Joan a day before to RSVP for head count for the restaurant.
- ◆ *A variety full menu is offered at all restaurants*

*Come and hear what other members are doing in their clubs!*

### **Lois Hall is turning 100**

Please join Lois and her family on October 21 at the Warren Town Hall from 11am-3pm to celebrate her. The formal invitation is on the following page. If you are unable to attend and want to send her a birthday wish or a memory, her address is: Lois Hall 599 Cherry Lane Apt. 18, Roberts WI 54023.





Please join us for a

## "CENTENNIAL" CELEBRATION!

**Lois Hall**  
is  
turning  
**100!**

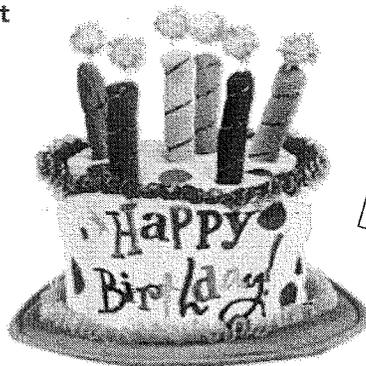


*Please join us for a luncheon open house  
to honor Lois on her special day!*

**When:** Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** Warren Town Hall  
( 720 112th Street, Roberts, WI)

**Time:** 11:00 AM—3:00 PM



**\*May your  
presence be her  
present\***

## Calendar of Events

Oct		Theater Day --	Pending
Oct	19	Fall District Annual Meeting –	Cushing Community Center
Oct	25	Meet & Greet	Barnboard Grill 11:30am
Oct	31	Club Dues are Due to treasurer	
Nov	5-11	HCE Week –	
Nov	13	Potluck - Planning Meeting/Elections	Ag Center 12:00 – 3:30pm
Nov	15	Meet & Greet	Perkins Restaurant, RF 11:30am
		Items to Family Resource Center	On going

## Events in the Surrounding Communities

October 7—4-7pm	Annual Chili Feed	Firefighter Fundraiser, Free Will Donation	Deer Park Community Center
October 19—4-8pm	Ladies Night Out	Shopping, Pampering, Refreshments and more!	Downtown River Falls
October 11	Go Pink for Life	Pink bows in businesses with percentage going to Hudson Relay for Life.	Downtown Hudson
October 7—6pm	Mystery Dinner Theater: Final Cut	Three-course dinner and show for \$40	Friday Memorial Library, New Richmond
October 8—2pm	Mystery Dinner Theater: Final Cut	Three-course dinner and show for \$40	Friday Memorial Library, New Richmond
October 14—5-7pm	Oktoberfest	Friends of the St. Croix County Fairground	Gibby’s Lanes, New Richmond
November 17-19	Christmas Tour of Homes & Craft Sale	Pre-buy tickets at a discount rate.	Hudson (715-386-8411)
November 24—1-7pm	River Dazzle	Chili cook-off, wagon rides, cookie decorating, carolers and parade.	River Falls (715-425-2533)
November 24—7pm	Light up Night	Santa with elves, music and more	Downtown Hudson
December 2—TBA	Horse Parade	Participate or watch the horse parade followed by food	Baldwin

### Ag Services and Education Center

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday—Friday  
8:00 am—4:30 pm  
715-531-1930

These events were found on area Chamber of Commerce pages. Apologies if something was missed.