



## HCE NEWSLETTER

October/November 2018

St. Croix County Association for Home and  
Community Education



GREETINGS,

Well, “Fall” is here! At least at my house it seems like it. I still have some garden veggies to do something with. I also have three apple trees that have lots of apples on them to do something with (before the frost hits, hopefully). I seem to be behind in my gardening this year for some reason. Maybe it’s because I went to my first NVON conference and, of course, our State HCE conference. Both conferences were held in Pewaukee this year. St Croix County had six (6) members that went to NVON and eight (8) members attended our State conference. We learned a lot and I’m hoping we can pass along some of the things that we learned to you.

If you registered to attend our NW district meeting at the Barron Community Center, it’s on October 4<sup>th</sup>. If you need a ride, let me know and we could (probably) make some arrangements for rides.

Halloween is just around the corner. Remember if you are out trick-and-treating, the rule is “don’t eat any unwrapped candy”.

Hopefully you have learned/heard that our Fall Council meeting was changed from Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be voting on the final changes to the by-laws that were updated and voted on at our Spring Council Meeting. The Fall meeting will be held at the Deer Park Community Center. Thank you Deer Park club for organizing this event.

November 4-11<sup>th</sup> is HCE week. Are you doing anything special to celebrate this? Or did you or your club do something since last November that you would like to share with the community in the newspaper? Maybe submit some pictures too? The paper always likes pictures. Let’s help to get the HCE name out in the community again.

Also, please note that our November planning meeting is on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at the Extension office. This is a potluck affair and all are welcome, so please join us in our planning for next year. What would you like to see or do?

If I don’t see you at any of the events mentioned above, I hope and pray that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Breitbach, President, St. Croix County HCE

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**St. Croix County Executive Board Meeting**

Tuesday, September 11; 2:00pm

Agriculture & Education Center

Meeting was opened with the Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Present: Lois Burri, Wanda Breitbach, Stephany Bourdon, Eunice Hop, Jean Kelley, Carol Kobernick, Betty Lee, Linda Sutherland, Phoebe Shourds.

Absent: JoLane Anderson, Marie Nelson, Donna Wilcoxson

Present: Merlee Jensen, HCE Member

The meeting was called to order by our President Wanda Breitbach

**Secretary Report:** Correction for Fall Council is October 18. Registration at 5:30pm at the Deer Park Community Center. September 22nd is the wrong date. Lois Burri made a motion to approve the minutes and second by Betty Lee.

**Treasurer Report:** Phoebe talked about the Kwik Trip cards and the Fair. Treasurer's Report approved by Jean Kelley and second by Stephany Bourdon.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**St. Croix County Fair:** Phoebe talked about having fewer books and more books for kids. We do well on the book sale. Thank you for all that worked in the H.C.E. Building.

**Cultural Arts:** Linda indicated there is a stipulation on entries placing at County level that the entries also be shown at State Conference.

**International:** Eunice talked about the program and that is was a good program. Jean talked about Nicaragua and how it's not safe to travel there anymore.

**Marketing:** Wanda indicated that JoLane is working but we can still order from her.

**Membership:** Phoebe indicated we have 100 members with four new Master Gardeners.

**Scholarship:** We will talk about it at Fall Council

**Bookworms:** Betty said it is not well attended at the park so don't get books or read there anymore. Betty says that they have about 37 kids they read to and hand out 9 books.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NVON:** Wanda talked about Touching Lives Worldwide National Volunteer Outreach Network. Wanda first morning shopping and Jean had a vendor booth for Nicaragua.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**State Conference:** Phoebe is District Secretary. Linda and Phoebe mentioned we should be looking for a 2020 vision as the theme for State Conference. Working on contract with Hudson House, looking at an afternoon show or river cruise as options.

**Fall Council:** Thursday, October 18 at 5:30pm that will be held at the Deer Park Community Center. Registration starts at 5:30pm.

**Other Business:** Wanda shared that she went to Meet & Greet at Kingdom Buffet in Hudson and it was very good and there were many that went. The next Meet & Greet (September) will be at Table 65 in New Richmond on September 26 at 11:30am. The Planning Meeting is in November so we would like ideas on what to plan for next year. Fall Council Meeting will have to elect a Vice President for next year.

We closed the meeting at 3:33pm and said the prayer.



I just got back from State; and renewed being inspired by guest motivational speakers, special interest classes, along with good food and conversations. I went to a class called are your feet straight?, a Mothers Trials and Tribulations of raising Six children with different problems. Another session titled Getting Your Home Ready, for down sizing or selling. Most of us can relate to this. The last class I took was the International one which presented different speakers on the organizational structure of WAHCE, which I will share at our fall council meeting. I always try and take one fun hands on class which was making a beaded crystal bracelet. Of course, Silent Auction was fun to see, and raised almost \$3,000. I tried to do my part by donating items and buying or bidding on a few things. I now own a huge lighted pumpkin family. Here's to a beautiful fall.

~ Jean Kelley

I attended the membership workshop where we discussed "What is HCE". We were given a number of questions to answer such as - What attracted you to HCE; Who are we; Where are we seen or heard; What are we saying or not saying; How do we promote awareness of HCE, these are good questions that each of us should take the time to answer.

~ Linda Sutherland



### Cultural Arts Awards for St, Croix County

Phoebe Shourds - Fall Beauty photo - Red  
- Orchid photo - Red  
Char Croes - Knitted Baby Bag - Blue  
Betty Lee - Embroidered Dish Towels - Blue  
Lucille Gedatus - Hand Stitched Floral Picture - Red  
Shirley Hampton - Item with recycled material, Button Tree picture - Red

### Hatties Corner

I went to the State Conference in Pewaukee. Wilbur stayed home to tend the livestock because if he had been there he would have sat, slept, and snored and nobody would have heard anything. I love to meet all the people, the food and staff were great, and all the walking sure kept me limber. I even heard a good joke by Linda Sutherland. Laughter is good for the aging brain, so don't be chicken or let your feathers get ruffled, you know egg-xactly what you need to do, crack up a little and let the "yolk" out.

I think the red in her hair has affected her aging brain. Take care until next time, Hattie

Spring Cleaning your Life- a report by Stephany Bourdon from a "Downsizing" class at State Convention last year. The speaker asked us, "What's most important to you in your life?" Everyone agreed; relationships, memories, experiences. That is what we value. Needs; now older, we need less. less space, less cars, less dishes, toys, food. We don't need two of everything like hammers, rakes, crockpots and more. We need less yard. If you no longer cook for a large family, do you really need all those pots and pans and casserole dishes? If you can afford it, isn't it easier to have someone cut the lawn?

Two years ago we moved and rented a dumpster 8 feet deep by 20 feet long. We got rid of at least half of everything we owned and collected at our home of 32 years. It was so freeing! If you're moving a long way, have an estate sale and buy new furniture with the money made eliminating moving large items. Give away perfectly good stuff to those who need it, you don't always have to sell everything. Donate old riding lawn mower to a struggling family who could never afford to buy one. We got our first new bed ever in 42 years, got a few new pictures, rearranged things in new places. Fresh start, new chapter, new adventures in life. I made peace that the farm was resting, it did its job for 100 years. Sheltering and providing a living, growing crops, animals, and creating memories. Now it's up to someone else to care for it and make new memories. Circle of life. Life changes. Our needs change. Memories-sentimental items are hard to part with but just keep a few, you don't need everything. After parents pass away, the things are their memories of their life not yours so just keep a memento or two. Your kids stuff -give it all to them, they are adults and must choose what to do with it.

Give, keep, throw. Old paint, broken things, things you'll never fix, projects you'll never finish {half finished quilt,} old doghouse {no dog so give it away.} How many pairs of gloves, hats, boots does one need?! And more important, how many of them do you use? I had an old 100 year old piano that was in the family for 40 years, but couldn't take it with me, too heavy and no place for it. And it had a lot of family pictures on top. I "made" a piano, painted a board white with pencil marks on the front to show division of keys, painted 22 black pieces of wood, mounted it on the wall with braces and put up all my pictures above it.

As I tell my mother in the nursing home, you can always close your eyes and remember all the good times, and no one can ever take that away from you. Your most precious memories are in your heart.

If you ask the kids and grandkids what they remember about your house, I guarantee it'll be about the memories; meals, baking, playing games, holidays, parties, they never mention "the things." Kittens in the barn, staying up late out by the fire, and picnics in the back of the pickup truck- PRICELESS!

~ Stephany Bourdon

### Fall Council

October 18 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Deer Park Community Center

Join us for this year's Fall Council meeting. The date has been changed to October 18 but all the fun to be had remains the same. Registration that evening begins at 5:30pm with the meal to follow at 6pm (Chicken, meatballs, mashed potatoes& gravy, veggie, salad and dessert). We will have Attorney Jennifer O'Neill, Long Term Planning at 7:00pm with the HCE meeting taking place at 7:30pm. We will adjourn at 8:00pm. Please RSVP to Lois Burri by October 9 at 715-269-5145. The \$10.00 fee can be sent to Lois Burri at 2215 Hwy 46 South, Deer Park, WI 54007 or you can also pay at the door.



ST. CROIX COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME & COMMUNITY EDUCATION BY-LAWS  
Revised ~~October 2013~~ May 2018

ARTICLE I Name St. Croix County Association for Home & Community Education

ARTICLE II Objectives

HCE Creed

We, the homemakers of Wisconsin, believe in the sanctity of the HOME,  
the cradle of character, blessed by motherly devotion and guarded by  
fatherly protection  
We pledge ourselves  
To work for the preservation and improvement of home and community life,  
To strive for healthier minds and bodies and better living;  
To promote the welfare of our boys and girls, the nation's greatest asset;  
To be true to God and country and of lasting service to our homes and communities.

ARTICLE III Dissolution

The officers of the county are directed, in case of dissolution, to assign all assets  
to educational scholarships or an organization which at the time qualifies for  
exemption under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV Membership and Dues

Section 1. All clubs ~~or Individual members~~ must pay dues for the ensuing year by October 31. Annual  
dues will

include county, district, and state assessments. Clubs organized after May 1  
are exempt from paying dues for that year.

Section 2. Annual dues of the Association for the year January 1 to December 31 shall be an  
assessment of ~~\$6.50~~ \$10.00 per member, payable when member joins, if prior to May 1.

Section 3. Active club membership entitles the club to take part in the programs and obligates  
the club to share responsibilities and to keep the records required.  
Individual membership entitles the member to receive the H.C.E. monthly newsletters,  
annual program book, and all other benefits of local club members.

Section 4. Membership in the County Association automatically includes membership in the  
State and National Associations, and affiliation with Associated Country Women of  
World (ACWW) and Country Women's Council (CWC).

Section 5. The St. Croix County HCE Association is a ~~501C-3~~ non-profit organization.

Section 6. All groups presently organized and new groups are open to all persons without  
regard to race, color, ethnic backgrounds, sex, economic circumstances or  
handicap, and do not operate on a segregated basis.

ARTICLE V County Council (Spring and Fall Council)

Section 1. The St. Croix County Council shall be composed of HCE members that are in  
attendance.

Section 2. The Family Living ~~Agent~~ Educator is a consultant to the County Council.

Section 3. The Council shall take care of the regular business of the Association and serve  
as an advisory body on all matters which affect HCE.

Section 4. At least one annual meeting of the council will be held each year. Place will be  
determined by the Executive Board.



ARTICLE VI Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the elected representatives, and program and community outreach representatives. The past president will serve as a member for one year following her term. The Extension Family Living ~~Agent-Educator~~ shall serve as a consultant. Elected board members will serve a 3-year term.

Section 2. The place of the meetings shall be the Agricultural Resource & Education Center in Baldwin.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Board will be held in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Special meetings may be called by the president.

Section 4. The president or a representative appointed by said president shall be a voting delegate to the state meeting. Registration will be paid for all executive board members.

Section 5. The president shall be a voting delegate to the annual ~~district meeting and the winter president's meeting~~ District Spring and Fall meetings. If unable to attend, alternates shall be appointed. Expenses will be paid for lunch and mileage (St. Croix County official rate) for the county president or designated substitute.

Section 6. Duties of the Executive Board are:

- a. To act for the County Council on matters requiring immediate attention.
- b. To receive and disburse funds of the County HCE Association.
- c. Fill vacancies that occur within the membership of the Executive Board. Vacancies may be filled during any Council meeting or Executive Board meeting by a majority vote of the group present. A member appointed to fill a vacancy will complete the unexpired term of the person being replaced.
- d. Any other duties of an advisory nature pertaining to HCE.
- e. If an Elected Board Member is attending State Conference, said Board member must be willing to teach a lesson they learned at State Conference.

ARTICLE VII Amendments

The by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the St. Croix County HCE Council by a majority vote, provided notice of proposed amendments has been sent to voting delegates thirty (30) days before the time of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII Officers and Elections

Section 1. The elected officers of the association shall be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. These shall be elected by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The officers of the Executive Board are elected for terms of two years.

Section 3. The executive board members are elected by the active Council members at the Fall Council meeting each year by majority vote.

Section 4. The nominating committee shall consist of two to three members. This meeting shall be held prior to the Council meeting at which they are elected.

ARTICLE IX Quorum

A majority shall constitute a quorum to do business of the council or executive board.

ARTICLE X Roberts Rules of Order shall govern this organization in all cases where it is applicable.

ARTICLE XI Order of Business shall be determined by the president.

## **Club News:**

**Honey Doers**—After a busy summer, club field trip with lunch outing, the Fair, 4th of July float and picnic and many family doings; the HCE Honey Doers Club is off to an enthusiastic start! Plans were made for upcoming busy year. Elections were held: President, Victoria Lee; Vice President, Julie Langer; Secretary, Carla Griebner; Treasurer, Mary Hampton; Sunshine, Lynda Johnson.



### **Honey Doer Officers**

(left to right)

Secretary—Carla Griebner

Sunshine—Lynda Johnson

Vice President—Julie Langer

President—Victoria Lee

Treasurer—Mary Hampton

## **Calendar of Events**

Oct	4	Fall District Annual Meeting	Barron County Government Center
Oct	18	Fall Council Meeting	Deer Park Community Center
Oct	24	Meet & Greet	Barnboard Grill, Roberts 11:30am
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	28	Meet & Greet	Culvers, Baldwin 11:30am
Nov		Items to Family Resource Center	On going

### **Meet and Greet Opportunities**

*Wednesday, October 24 at Barnboard Grill  
Corner of Hwy 65 and TT, Roberts*

*Wednesday, November 28 at Culvers  
640 Baldwin Plaza Drive, Baldwin*

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 \*



### **Ag Services and Education Center**

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday—Friday

8:00 am—4:30 pm

715-531-1930