



## HCE NEWSLETTER

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St. Croix County Association for Home and Community Education

University of Wisconsin-Extension

Greetings from Austin, TX,

I'm at my high school girlfriend's house for the week of Thanksgiving. We are having a great/wonderful time. Yesterday we went to Luckenbach, Texas (population 3 at the post office) where Willy, Waylon, and the boys' pictures were on the walls. I hope you all remember the country song "Luckenbach, Texas" or you probably won't even know what I'm talking about. Maybe you could google it if that would help. From there we went to Fredericksburg for a GREAT shopping experience. We had fun and my husband, Bill, was glad I didn't spend too much.

My term of office, as your President, is over at the end of this year. Thank you all for helping and supporting me the past three (3) years. I will still be on the board for another year as an advisor board member to your new President, Linda Sutherland, who will ascend to this position and be a great leader for our organization. She is a long time member of HCE. So long I don't quite remember, I do know she was in the North Star club in Star Prairie until they disbanded. She is currently the NW District Membership Chair as well as the State Cultural Arts Chair. Thank you Linda for accepting this position. You are the best.

I am planning for another Spud Spectacular in February 12, 2019. This is a free event where the board provides the baked potatoes and sweet potatoes and the participants bring the toppings or a dish/dessert to pass. As you know, in Sept. there were eight (8) members that went to State Conference in Peewaukee, WI., and I'm hoping two of us can bring some information to share at this event. Melissa, the Admin. Assistant at the Extension office (that does an amazing job for HCE) is going to be our main event speaker for the day. She asks that you bring two (2) canned goods, the same size, for a range of motion easy exercise that she will be teaching us. I'm thinking I will be wearing comfortable clothing to this event. The canned goods will be donated to the food shelf. It will be a wonderful event. Hope to see you there. Why not bring a friend?

Did you know that we received an award at the State Conference? Polk County got a 1<sup>st</sup> place certificate award for the most new members in the State. I was pleasantly surprised to accept an award for our County as we got 3<sup>rd</sup> place for new members. Yeah!! Keep those new members coming.

In closing, I'm hoping and praying that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that the Christmas season is a blessing to you all.

Wanda Breitbach, President, St. Croix County HCE

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## HCE FALL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Deer Park Community Center

Roll call by clubs: Lincoln—2, McKinley—0, Pleasant Grove—1, Springfield—0, Warren—3, Woods & Hills—1, Deer Park—12, Glover—1, Happy Valley Hour—1, Honey Doers—1, Nike Neighbors—4, Individuals—4.

Had a good meal first followed by the program with Jennifer O'Neill as our speaker. She talked about the importance of estate planning focusing on wills and trusts.

Meeting—H.C.E. Fall Council Board—Carol Kobernick

**Secretary Report:** Read and approved by Phoebe and a second by Eunice

**Treasurer Report:** Phoebe talked about Kwik Trip card sales. Phoebe talked about the book sale at the County Fair and that did well as did the silent auction. The Treasurer's report was approved by Kathy Munkelwitz and second by Betty Lee.

Potluck Planning Meeting and Elections will be on November 13 at the Ag Center from 12:00-3:30pm and anybody is welcome to attend and bring some good ideas what we want to do for the year.

### **Committee Reports:**

Jean Kelley and Eunice Hop—What H.C.E. has done project to eating healthy and locally. Working with Haiti and sponsoring a child.

N.V.O.N. South Africa and Nicaragua sending water filters over for clean water and school uniforms in Africa. Jean Kelley informed that our shipment did get to Nicaragua and to the warehouse. They are still getting baking and sewing items.

**Meet and Greet**—Joan Brown mentioned the upcoming meet and greet on October 24 at the Barnboard Grill in Roberts. The last one of the year will be held Wednesday, November 28 at Culvers in Baldwin.

**Membership**—St. Croix County is third highest in State Membership and Polk County was first.

**Marketing**—Wanda talked about 20/20 Vision ideas. Sheriff of Barron County talked on aging. There was discussion about the Bylaws and proposed changes. Linda approved and second by Phoebe.

The meeting was closed with the prayer.



**St. Croix County Planning Meeting**  
November 13, 2018; 12-3:30pm  
Agriculture Services & Education Center

Meeting was called to order by Wanda and opened with the Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Lois Burri, Wanda Breitbach, Stephany Bourdon, Jean Kelley, Carol Kobernick, Betty Lee, Linda Sutherland, Phoebe Shourds. Absent: JoLane Anderson, Eunice Hop, Marie Nelson, Donna Wilcoxson. Guests: Merlee Jensen, Char Croes, Victoria Lee

**Secretary Minutes**—Secretary report correction; two Master Gardeners joined H.C.E. this year. The park we were talking about in the last newsletter was Perch Lake (Homestead Parklands) for the reading Bookworms program. Phoebe made a motion to accept the correction and second by Stephany.

**Treasurer Report**—Phoebe Shourds made a motion to accept the report and second by Lois Burri

**Officer Election:** President—Linda Sutherland; Vice President—Vacant; Secretary—Stephany Bourdon. Wanda Breitbach approved and second by Jean Kelley. Cultural Arts—Char Croes, Lois Burri and Carol Kobernick. WI Bookworms—Betty Lee and Shirley Grinley. Marking—JoLane Anderson. International—Jean Kelley

**New Business:**

The new schedule was made which will be submitted in the newsletter. The 2020 State Convention and the theme will be for the year 2020.

**Bookworms**—Betty Lee reporting that the reading at Perch Lake might be terminated as nobody attends of the families. They will keep the other one going though.

**International**—Jean Kelley talked about the selling of dresses and coffee for the Nicaragua projects.

Cultural Arts—Linda Sutherland talked about to see if someone could come up with what to do for the year. Talked about wine tours and other ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33pm

Closed with the Prayer

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

## Hattie's Corner

Thanksgiving is over and the turkey was not the only thing that got stuffed, Wilbur was in a food coma all the way through evening chores. I hope that everyone knows to put leftovers away in a timely manner, under two hours. Food poisoning is no fun. Wilbur thinks that putting leftovers away means non stop eating.

Did you know that turkey breast meat stays juicier if you cook the bird tummy down and if you want the breast skin to be brown turn the bird over for the last few minutes and use the broiler to brown it.

Fresh cranberry relish is always a treat at our house and a good way to wash the fruit is to submerge it in lemon juice and water. The acid kills the bugs. My Mom used to do this when I was a little Hattie.

Last and most important thing to remember is that you can't wash your hands too much when working with food, especially raw meat.

- Talk to you after Christmas - Hattie

# 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.



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](mailto:pnpaulson@yahoo.com) or call 715-821-1606



# Mark Your Calendar

>> UPCOMING EVENTS

## WAHCE Annual Conference

September 16-18, 2019

Manitowac

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. Stay tuned for further information about making your reservations.

See you in Manitowac!

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



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 \*\***

### Deer Park Holiday Fair

December 1, 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.



## HCE MEMBER CONTRIBUTION REPORT FOR JUNE 2018 THRU MAY 2019

Club Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

St Croix

Club \_\_\_\_\_

DUE: June 5, 2019

Keep track, as best you can, what you have done on behalf of HCE. We are a powerful organization. FYI Our volunteer hours are worth about \$22 per hour) Awesome

	2018					How Many Hours					2019				
Did you attend or do any of the follow?		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Dollar\$	\$
Club Meeting															
Spring Council Mtg															
Spring DISTRICT Mtg Burnett															
Fall Council Mtg															
Fall DISTRICT Mtg - Barron															
State Conference															
Spud Spectacular															
Exectutive Board Mtg															
Exectutive Planning Mtg															
St Croix County Fair															
Wisconsin Bookworms															
Early Readers -															
Club Activity - Operation Help															
Community Event															
Senior Card Parties															
Baking for Town Festival															
Scholarships															
little Free Library															
Auction															
Parade															
Craft project i.e. Scubbies/Pillow cases etc															
Craft or Holiday Fair on behalf of HCE or club															
Donation/deliver something for Nicaragua															
Meet and Greet get togethers															
NVON and/or CWC, Triennial															
Tour Event (Summer 2019)															
Other															
Other															

E-Mail or Send to Phoebe Shourds

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[pnipaulson@yahoo.com](mailto:pnipaulson@yahoo.com)

715-821-1606

*If you have any questions - please contact me.*

Club meetings around roughly 1.5 hours, Fair coverage about 3 hours, special events about 3 hours

## **Club News:**

**Glover**—The September lesson was on Iceland presented by Carol Senn, which she showed pictures from her trip there. It was passed that the existing officers would remain officers for the upcoming year. An article for Stitches of Love will be written and sent to the paper for publication. The October lesson was sewing 40 pillowcases, which will be donated to Our Neighbors Place; a shelter in River Falls. Also donated was 20 pillows. The next meeting will be November 15 and the lesson will be Winter Plans—do's and don't's.

**Honey Doers**—The September meeting the election of officers was conducted. Members signed up to provide meals to Melodee and Ken while she is taking treatments. The club will write one check to Pennies for Friendship for \$25.00 instead of collecting each month. Diane Erickson has 24 shoeboxes ready for shipping to Samaritans Purse. The club is donating \$150.00 towards shipping. The craft sale is November 17 at the Baldwin-Woodville High School. Everyone will be working at crafts to contribute. This is a major fundraiser for the club so that they can continue to contribute to great causes.

**Lincoln**—The basket of Avon products that was donated to the fair raised \$45.00. Mary Frey collected \$5.00 from members for the cost. Louise Peterson and Joan Vobejda worked at the HCE building during the fair. The quilt that Joan worked on and our club donated money towards raised \$2,050.00. Election of Officers took place at the September meeting, current officers remain the same. The club met on October 16 and discussed old and new business. The next meeting will be November 13 a planning meeting.

**Nike Neighbors**—The club members profited \$339.20 from a pie booth fundraiser. Kathy shared about her visit to the Lavender Farm in Baraboo. The October meeting discussion of old and new business and many plan to attend Spring Council that evening. The next meeting will be November 28.

## **Spud Spectacular**

February 12, 2019

Ag & Education Center, Baldwin

11:30am

Make plans now to join us for a baked potato pot luck at the Ag center and try something new! Melissa Heath will provide a devotion followed by a fun workout with a variety of movements. She will provide drumsticks but please bring TWO CANNED GOODS. These will be your weights during our workout. You can bring these cans home or leave them and Melissa will donate to the food shelf. All are able to do the workout as much of it will be sitting in your chair.

The HCE Executive Board will supply a nice big baked potato and sweet potatoes and coffee. Please bring a serving of your favorite topping. Bacon bits, spinach, cheese, any veggie, more cheese, shredded meat, onions, etc... There isn't much that doesn't work on a spud!

If you plan to attend, please contact Wanda Breitbach: 715-248-3806 or Cell 612-719-6017, so they have enough supplies and potatoes. See you there!



**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

### 2019 HCE Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event - 2019	Location/Time
Jan	1	Submissions to UPDATE Britelites	Marcelline Protheroe
Jan	8	Executive Board Meeting	Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm
Feb	12	<i>Spud Spectacular/Melissa workout, Nutrition/what we learned at conference</i>	Ag Center 11:30
Mar	12	Executive Board Meeting	Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm
Mar	26	Special Interest – Crochet Scrubbies for Conference	Ag Center 11:00 – 3:00pm
Apr	4-10	Triennial – Australia	
Apr	26	Spring Council Meeting / Women Walk the World – (Honey Doers Club)	<i>Hammond Town Hall</i>
May	14	Executive Board Meeting	Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm
		ADRC Volunteer dinner??? Waiting to hear from Char about date	
May	16	Spring District Meeting	Bayfield County
Jun	20	Tour Event	
July	9	Executive Board Meeting -	Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm
July	15-17	NVON	Arkansas
July	17-21	St. Croix County Fair/Master Gardeners	Glenwood City 9am-9pm
Aug	1	Conference items Due: Service Awards, Cultural Arts Registration, etc	
Aug	10	Farm City Day (2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday)	Pending
Sep	10	Executive Board Meeting	Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm
Sep	16-18	State Conference –	Manitowac
		<b>Office to mail out Club Packets</b>	
Sep	26 or Oct 3	Fall Council Meeting	<i>Linda, Wanda, Jean, Stephany Place pending</i>
Oct	TBD	Fall <b>District</b> Annual Meeting	Burnett
Oct	31	Dues are due to treasurer	
Nov	3-9	HCE Week –!	
Nov	12	Potluck - Planning Meeting/Elections	Ag Center 12:00 – 3:30pm
Nov		Items to Family Resource Center	On going
Dec	7	Deer Park Holiday Fair (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat in Dec)	9:30 – 1:00 Community Center

**HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR**