



Roots and Branches



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HOME & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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From the President's Desk

FALL INTO FALL EVENTS

I know many of us Wisconsinites really look forward to the fall season. Personally I love summer and think it's far too short but also love watching Packer football, cool crisp sleeping at night, beautiful fall flowers and of course the lovely fall leaves.

We are looking forward to **State Conference September 17-19** at the new **Ingleside Hotel** (formerly the Country Springs Hotel) in **Pewaukee**. It looks like we will have a very nice Washington County representation. We always a great time with a great group of members.

Looking back a bit, it looks as though we did about \$200.00 more in Raffle ticket sales than last year so I would consider our fund raising very successful thanks to everyone's hard work and generosity not just for the **Cash Raffle** but also for our **Golden Opportunities**, Auction, Bake Sale (which went very, very well). Wisconsin Bookworms and our **Scholarship Fund** (helped out by Ruth Knetzger's plant sale) are in good shape. Many thanks to ALL members who so generously participated.

Looking forward to upcoming events, I am excited about our trip to the **Shalom Wildlife Tour** on **October 4th**. Because we have had some cash sitting in our Tour fund for several years we decided to spend it on renting golf carts to tour Shalom. It's walkable for those who want to walk but fairly long. If you are a

walker it can be done. Bring your own lunch or purchase food on site (new this year). Our Special Interest on **Casa Guadalupe** on November 1st should prove to be very interesting also.

Carol Bralich shared with us at our board meeting that the **Family Living Department** will be undergoing some changes that will ultimately impact HCE. We will look at it as an opportunity to step up as a group and take on some of the things that the office staff (Jenny & Karen and of course Carol have been doing for us.) More to come as we sort things out. We are fortunate to still have Carol as our wonderful Family Living Educator-some counties no longer have one!

Fall Association is coming up on **October 18th** and with that meeting comes our annual election of officers. This year the **President, Secretary and South Center Chairperson** will be elected. If you or anyone you think would do a good job in those positions please do not hesitate to let us know. You CAN nominate yourself!

We have much to be thankful for- I am thankful for all of you who do so much to make my job enjoyable. It's everyone's organization and we all have a responsibility to make it all we want it to be.

See you soon at **ALL** our upcoming events!

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Liaison's Message – Carol Bralich

Seasons of change...

As you may have heard from your club president, there are several changes happening at the UW-Extension office. Historically, the Washington County Extension office has benefited from having a generous amount of support staff available to assist with educational programs. In the past few months, our office has experienced multiple shifts in support staff assignments. Jenny Amenda will continue to be your main contact for HCE, but she has also added responsibilities for other Family Living support roles including multiple financial programs, child care professional development programs and parenting programs during her part time schedule (Mon, Tues, Wed).

This change will have an effect on the amount and type of support that the office can offer to HCE members. However, this is also an opportunity for HCE members to build stronger ownership in the programs you develop, promote and support. Some of the changes discussed at the Executive Committee meeting in August included various ways that HCE members could contribute to narrow this gap in resources. We may be asking for members to be a part of an educational program committee, additional members to help assist the Wisconsin

Bookworms™ coordinator etc. This will be a gradual change as we close out our 2018 program year. Washington County HCE has a talented and passionate membership. Jen and I are very willing to help or train members to be confident in the new roles that may be created during this time of transition. I will keep Board of Director members informed and members informed along the way as decisions are made.

A New Look for Roots & Branches...any items published on the internet are required to be ADA accessible. This includes our newsletter which is published on the Washington County UW-Extension website. You will notice a two column format which will make it easier to read for everyone, and also makes it easier for those using a screen reader. UW-Extension as well as other government agencies need to show efforts toward meeting this requirement, so you will notice some changes there as well in the style, but not the great articles that are written by our members! Our co-editors are doing a fabulous job reaching out to members and thinking of new article topics throughout the year.

Carol Bralich
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UW-Extension Washington County



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Upcoming

Fall Southeast District Meeting

Just a heads up that the
District meeting will be held

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 20

HOSTED BY DODGE COUNTY

IN JUNEAU, WI

Location to be determined, I will have more
information closer to the date but let me know if

you are interested in attending and I will make
sure you get all the particulars. It usually starts
around 9:00 AM and runs no later than 3:00
PM (usually earlier)

and includes coffee and bakery before the
meeting, lunch and some kind of a program
after the business meeting. Cost generally is
around \$15.00.

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Spring Fling

Hosted by North Center

Spring Fling was held on May 3, 2018, at the Chandelier Ballroom, with geraniums gracing the tables. A social hour took place with a variety of punches donated by the Chandelier Ballroom. HCE members, brought Cultural Arts entries, and were very generous when bringing in items for our Silent Auction. During the Social Hour members were busy looking at all of the Silent Auction items, placing their bids, and voting for their favorite Cultural Arts entries.

A buffet dinner was enjoyed by all, and we thank Faye Schneider in helping to make it a success. Ginny Ramstack, HCE President, graciously welcomed those present, and introduced new HCE members. We started our program with the Homemakers Creed, Pledge of Allegiance, and a memorial remembrance for Dolly Tannehill, a member of Slinger HNO Club.

We are very fortunate that our Washington County Association for HCE can afford to provide continuing education scholarships to HCE members and their extended families. This would not be possible without YOU. Marilyn Mayer presented our 2018-HCE scholarships to Jacob Beine, and

Adrianna Lubner. Both of these young people were very deserving. Scholarship selection was based on scholastic ability, leadership abilities, financial need, and character of the applicant.



Jan Jilling our Cultural Arts Chairman, introduced the judges for the cultural arts contest: Karen Uhlig and Valerie Burton. The numerous entries showcased the many talents our HCE members have.

Over sixty Silent Auction items were auctioned off, which brought in \$484.00. It was great to see so many HCE members attending. We thank the numerous volunteers who made Spring Fling a success. Spring Fling closed with the HCE Prayer Creed.

Author, Judy Etta

(Special thanks to Judy Etta for the beautiful geranium centerpieces.)

Below: Marilyn Mayer holding her clothing entry, Lil Butcher with her quilt, Jan Jilling holding her framed craft entry, and Ruth Knetzger's HCE display. Thank you Ladies for sharing your talent!



Annual Raffle: List of Winners

**Grand Prize Winner - \$500 Cash
Oswald**

Diane

Brian La Bonte \$25.00 Kohl's card
Jeanne Schramka \$25.00 Kwik trip
Deborah La Bonte \$25.00 BP gas
Pam Cooper \$25.00 Piggly Wiggly
Sandy Buckmann & Mary Reading split \$150.00
worth of assorted gift cards donated by Pressure
Cookers Club
Cindy Schaefer \$25.00 Walgreen's
Sharon Stewart \$10.00 Subway
Julie Bayard \$10.00 Subway
Linda Wetzel \$25.00 Walmart
Dorothy Krusick Gardener's Basket
Benita Gruszynski \$20.00 Kohl's
Randy Kunkel \$25.00 Gas
Penny Elliott \$15.00 George Webb
Debra Baumbarry \$15.00 Walgreen's
Many thanks to all the clubs who donated so
generously to our successful raffle!

Karl's Place - Reminder about HCE's
Community Outreach at Karl's Place, helping those
who find themselves homeless. A donation form
was sent to your club president. See them for
details on what and how you can donate.

Fall Association Meeting - Our Fall
Association Meeting this year will be on Thursday,
October 18, at the Public Agency Center, room

Fair HCE and Merit Awards 2018

Left to right: Pat McIntee and Jan Jansen at the HCE booth selling raffle tickets, Makayla Demler's tiered grand piano cake, Callie Jacobi's tropical quilt, Ellie Basting's strawberry country cake (which was so successful it got eaten!) Makenzie Boylen Daley's gray & yellow chair and laying on top of it is Evelynn Gresbach's gray/blue/teal chevron afghan, Lydia Gallecke's top & shorts. Awards not pictured: Makayla Kabitzke's daily to-do list, Katie McArthur's blue wire bracelet, and Paige Jambura's applesauce.



1113 A&B. Registration and the purchase of Golden Opportunity Tickets starts at 5:00 pm. Reservations are due by October 5th, 2018, and the cost is \$8.00. The menu this year will be a baked potato with choice of toppings, fruit salad and a bar dessert.

HCE Summer Picnic - The annual HCE picnic at Jackson Park was again a rousing success. The weather was a bit sticky, but the heat and humidity did not deter HCE members from attending a wonderful evening. With an attendance of approximately 65, most clubs were represented. The potluck, as always, was amazing. Everything from A-Z was on the table!! Once the meal was finished, the bingo began! Great friends, great fun, and many laughs added to the bingo excitement. The evening ended with the most excitement of all...THE RAFFLE!!! We were fortunate to have some of our members in attendance win raffle prizes! It's always fun to know a winner! Be sure and read the complete list of raffle winners. Maybe you'll recognize another name or two. I'm already looking forward to next year's HCE Picnic Potluck.

Bake Sale- Thank you to all the members who baked or made snacks for the bake sale. The dog treats were a particularly big hit. Thank you also for all who helped at the sale. We made \$460.00. Ruth brought her plants and they are always a big money maker. And a big thank you to Claudie's friend for the use of her garage. Bev Buckmann

Club News

North Center Report – Judy Etta

We had a great HCE annual picnic on August 7th at Jackson Park. Many members from each of our clubs representing North Center were there. Each member attending bringing a dish to pass and a bingo prize.

EVER READY members met at Cedar Ridge-Delores Krueger, for their April meeting. Eleven members gathered and discussed how the meal for the International meeting on Cuba went. Six members will be attending Spring Fling and will gather items for a Bath Basket and will also give two jars of Maple Syrup for the Silent Action. No one is planning on taking an entry for Cultural Arts. Members paid for two students by contributing to Bookworms. Members will participate in the HCE Bake Sale. The County Fair, cash raffle tickets, and Karl's Place were discussed. The members voted on the programs for next year. The May meeting was a trip to Kelly's Ice Cream.

PRESSURE COOKERS April meeting was called to order by President, Pat McIntee. The Homemakers' Creed was recited. The Club decided to pay \$15.00 toward the stew for the Special Interest Meeting on Cuba, which the Club members enjoyed. Each member received \$40 worth of raffle tickets for the gift card raffle that is replacing the quilt raffle. The Pressure Cookers will be contributing a variety of gift cards, which will be contributed by each Club member. The Club voted on the 2019 program selections and will be participating in the Bake Sale on May 17, 18 and 19. Nominations are being sought for president and secretary of the county organization. State Conference is September 17-19, and volunteers are needed to work at the conference. The Club voted to contribute \$100 to the Allysa Ebert fund. The May meeting was a dinner at the Charcoal Grill.

TWISTED SISTERS met at the Public Agency Center on May 21, 2018. President Michelle Hansen began with the Homemakers' Creed, and dues were collected. Members were reminded that nominations are due for South Center Chair, President and Secretary. NVON is July 16-18, and the WAHCE Conference is September 17-19. Should someone want to stay rooms are \$99 per night at Country Spring Hotels in Pewaukee. As a county, we will be responsible for one meal desert. Members were reminded of the HCE annual picnic to be held on August 7th at Jackson Park. Each person attending is to bring a dish to pass as well as their place setting and a bingo prize. There is no charge to attend. Cash raffle tickets were distributed to club members who wanted to sell them. Ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets are to be turned in by July 1 to Michelle Hansen. Members were given a sample of a potential new member invitation in the form of business cards that members can distribute to anyone who is interested in HCE. Michelle Hansen talked about the proposed "Congratulation Baskets" for individuals leaving Karl's Place. She also showed a promotional flyer with a picture of a typical basket and its contents. These baskets would be given by the HCE organization. The Club decided to donate \$50 towards the purchase of one basket. Members were asked to collect any appropriate items that they may come across to donate for future baskets. Michelle Hansen is taking the basket that she put together to the Board Meeting in June as a visual to encourage other clubs to participate in the program. The Club voted to donate \$65 to purchase a water filter for Nicaragua. Members talked about a summer field trip as a club to the Twisted Sisters Shop in Beaver Dam. Michelle Hansen will conduct an online poll of several dates on either a

Saturday or Sunday. The meeting concluded with the Homemakers' Prayer.

WAYNE WILLING WEAVERS met at Culver's on June 1, 2018. President, Marilyn Martin opened the meeting. All members had planned to attend the Special Interest Meeting on Cuba, but weather stopped some members from going. Three members attended Spring Fling and participated in the Silent Auction. Members were reminded that nominations for South Center, President and Secretary are needed. The WAHCE Conference, was discussed and the fact that our County is responsible for the dessert for one of the meals. If anyone would want to stay overnight, the rooms are \$99 per night at Country Spring Hotels in Pewaukee. The NVON Annual Conference is July 16th to the 18th in Pewaukee. The HCE All Member Picnic is going to be held on August 7th at 5:00 pm at Jackson Park. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass, their own place setting, and a bingo prize. Members talked about the "Congratulation Baskets" for individuals leaving Karl's Place, and decided to take money from the treasury and buy items towards a baskets. Cash raffle tickets were distributed to Club members. Ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets are to be turned in by June 5th.

Everyone was reminded of Breakfast on the Farm, at the Gehring Farm in Hartford on June 9th. The Special Interest Meeting-Tour at Shalom Wildlife, was discussed and all are interested in taking part

The next meeting will be on September 7th at Cedar Ridge at 11:30 a.m. Members should be ready to report on what they did during their summer vacation.

South Center Report -

By Janice Oestreich and Dorothy Bayard

HUBERTUS HONEY'S: Game of the Pennies for Friendship collection was to count

the number of states you have visited. Karen Essmann won with a total of 50 states. The group discussed the highlights of the events in May from the Spring Fling event to the Bake Sale held on May 17-19th. Members were to bring baked goods and Karen again brought the doggie treats which was a big hit at the rummage sale. Reminded of the \$500.00 raffle tickets to be returned before the HCE picnic if not able to sell. Ideas for programs in 2019 for the Special Interest meetings were: Diabetics, to discover River Edge Nature, mason jars, household management, and instant Pot Magic (a new way to pressure cook). Each meeting was closed with the HCE Prayer Creed.

SLINGER H.N.O.: The 3 members are still meeting as a group. They discuss the Roots and Branches and any information collected by Sue Burke. She passed out the handout sheets from the Cuban presentation in April and raffle tickets for the newly \$500.00 cash prize. Each were reminded to bring packaged baked goods to the city wide rummage sale in Jackson again; but bring it to the address of Claudie's old next door neighbor on the same street in Jackson. Bring items to sell on Thursday. Don't forget the HCE picnic on August 7th, 5:00 pm at the Jackson City Park, bring own silverware and dish to pass and a prize for Bingo. They close all the meetings with the Prayer Creed.

CONEY RIVER: They shared a sympathy card from a fellow member, Betty Vlasak, who lost her husband. Eleven members will be attending the Spring Fling on May 3rd. Information was updated as to Cultural Arts, Southeast District Meeting, the Wisconsin Bookworms challenge is still going on, the Plant and Bake Sale, and the \$500 cash raffle fundraiser. Tickets worth \$40.00 were distributed to all to sell. They are planning to have a club rummage sale to be

held at their May meeting at Marilyn Mayer's house. They voted for their favorite program choices and submitted for 2019. They were given to understand that their group as well as other groups will be contributing to baskets of supplies for up to 4 apartments for families at Carls Place. They contributed a \$25 Walmart Gift Card. This summer events will be the NVON in July 16-18th and the State Conferences September 17-19 whereas the Southeast District will be hosting both events at the same location at the Ingelside Hotel (former Country Springs Hotel) in Pewaukee, off of I-94. Forms and information are available on line. The board is seeking people to accept the positions of South Center Chair, President, and Secretary. Their annual group trip will be in June, not determined at this time. All meetings were closed with the HCE Prayer and each receiving the Roots and Branches.

SUGAR N SPICE: Much discussion was of the upcoming HCE events from the NVON Conference in July to the WAHCE State Conference in September. Ruth Knetzger and Jan Jilling on their own; each submitted an

entry to this year's bonus "Spring into Action" at the Spring Fling.

Washington County HCE Members attend NVON Conference

Susan Beck and Jan Oestreich, were able to attend this July conference, in Pewaukee, WI. Here are some of the highlights. The Day Trips, Tours, and Outings included Old World Wisconsin, The Quilt Museum in Cedarburg, the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Harley Davidson Museum, and the Lakefront Brewery.

There were Heritage Skills classes for those who preferred to stay on site. Other states represented were Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and West Virginia. Next year, we will be in Arkansas. Other classes Susan attended were, "Look! My Feet Are Straight!," "The Current Opiate Epidemic In Wisconsin," and "Rock County Barn Quilts."

NVON Conference



Pictured above left to right: German Homestead at Old World Wisconsin, The Wisconsin Display at the NVON Conference, Rita Bloom, NVON secretary, giving her class, "Let's Eat Grandma," showing the importance of commas, and a historical speaker representing Eleanor Roosevelt.

Wisconsin Bookworms™ Fundraising Report

Wisconsin Bookworms™ Fundraising Report—Marma McIntee

Congratulations...you did it again. Your donations made the \$500 match for the Wisconsin Bookworms™ match challenge and we were able to add a total of \$1080 to the fund. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our 2018 fundraising such a great success. Your volunteer and monetary contributions are greatly appreciated. We are able to make a commitment to the child care facilities we have worked with in the past including Head Start. This is such a generous and caring organization, THANK YOU.

Carol Bralich and I will continue contacting service organizations for their help and we will continue to write grants for the future. About 25% is donated from service organizations, businesses or grants. For this we are extremely grateful...we could not reach our goal without external donations.

Our books have arrived and I will be counting out books, labels, bookplates, and book bags to be picked up in September by our reader volunteers. Carol and I will be meeting with our reader volunteers to share our appreciation for their contribution and provide reminders of the principles of the program. Our fundraising for 2019 will begin in January 2019. In the meantime, if you know of any businesses or service groups that we might contact for 2019, please contact me or Carol Bralich with names and details. Thanks for all of your effort for this great program.

Once again a huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers working hard on the fundraising activities to help raise money for Wisconsin Bookworms™: annual raffle—Club

efforts, Breakfast on the farm and fair booth, and the annual “bake” sale in Jackson. In addition, we want to thank all of the following who help make the program a success:

*Thanks to Mary Krueger and the sewers for their continuing work on the book bags.

*Thanks to Carol Bralich and Jenny Amenda and the Family Living Office for grant writing and printing/organizing the parent guides and contacts with reading volunteers.

*Thanks to the readers for their many volunteer hours.

There have been donations received in May and over the summer that were not acknowledged by the deadline for the last newsletter. Thank you to the following for their recent donations:

West Bend Noon

Rotary Foundation Grant: \$500

Marma’s Match Challenge Thank You:

- Ginny Ramstack- Sugar & Spice
- Jane Jensen- Pressure Cookers
- Bev Buckmann-EverReady
- Sue Burke- Slinger HNO
- Beth Ann Kohler- Twisted Sisters
- Faye Schneider- Coney River
- Susan Beck- Coney River
- Irene Wolff- North Trenton
- Debbie LaBonte- Sugar & Spice
- Lil Butcher- Slinger HNO
- Jan Jilling- Sugar & Spice
- Ruth Knetzger- Sugar & Spice