



# Roots and Branches

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## From the President's Desk

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019

I hope everyone had a chance to recover from the Holidays and that they were joyous and fun with family and friends.

As we look ahead to a new year, we will have some new opportunities and challenges to tackle. The first one will be to assemble 3-5 members (including me-with Carol's help) to use the suggestions from club members for Special Interest activities for 2020. We have actually been doing this for the last couple of years so please let me know if you would like to be a part of the decision-making process. We will be meeting sometime in early February.

We are also looking for someone to work with Facebook guru Christine Larson on the WCHCE Facebook page. Since she is part of the North Center, maybe someone from South might be helpful. Contact Christine at: [godsrunty@yahoo.com](mailto:godsrunty@yahoo.com). if you are interested.

Many thanks to Deb LaBonte, Bev Buckmann, Dorothy Bayard and all the others who showed up to help sort and deliver all the mittens, hats and scarves on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

I am so pleased with the great job Judy Spaeth & Pat McIntee are doing with the Roots and Branches. It's been a challenge working with the new format for Jenny in the office but I have heard many positive comments on the

new look. Don't forget we need input from all our members to make it successful!

We also welcome Phyllis Heitkemper as the new South Center co-chair along with Janice Oestreich who is returning. Thank you to Dorothy Bayard who did such a wonderful job the last few years.

I am looking forward to hearing about the activities your clubs are doing for Do it yourself January meetings. Have fun! We have had a change to the Special Interest for February. Instead of a nutrition/grocery store tour we are pleased to announce that we will be learning about utilizing all the options out there besides cable service. Info is in the new handbook and feel free to bring friends or family members. It looks to be very informative. Please note that we had to change the meeting to the evening due to our speakers' schedule.

Michelle Hansen is doing a great job with Karl's place with many of the clubs and individual members already contributing to the welcome baskets. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Again, I am looking forward to the New Year and working with all of you wonderful ladies as we make our organization what we want it to be. Thank you all for always being there to help!

*Ginny Ramstack*  
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## Liaison's Message – Carol Bralich

### New Year = New Focus!

How could we strengthen the communication within our own HCE membership and share the work we do at the same time? One way to do this is to utilize a county HCE Facebook page specifically designed for Washington County. The basic set up is ready to use thanks to Christine Larson. We have one administrator, Christine who is from North Center, and are searching for another member to be an administrator from the South Center. Please contact me if you are interested in managing the Facebook events and posts. We will train you!

If you have a Facebook account already, all you will need to do is “like” the

Washington County HCE Facebook page when it is finalized! It is a simple way to send out reminders for Special Interest meetings and other HCE events and fundraisers. AND...you can share the post with your friends and family to grow HCE's presence out in the community!

Your organization is an asset to the community through educational efforts, volunteering and providing a positive social connection. As the community recognizes this, more opportunities will become available to continue to impact families in the community.

Looking forward to working with all of you this New Year!

Carol

*Carol Bralich*  
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## January/February Schedule of Events

- ❖ **Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
UW Extension Office Closed
  
- ❖ **Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
HCE Board of Directors Meeting
  
- ❖ **Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Special Interest Meeting:  
Cutting the Cable, 7:00 p.m., Room 1113 A&B

## Fall Southeast District Meeting

On October 24 eight HCE members traveled to Juneau to attend the Fall SE District meeting hosted by Dodge County.

The main item on the agenda was the election of new District officers.



Newly elected are (Left to right): Chris Werner-membership, Donna Zarovy-treasurer, Mary Ann Zastrow-marketing, Marianne Geiger-secretary, Linda Fuecht- district chair, Jean Milroy-cultural arts. Not pictured, Diane Koch-bookworms chair. Donna Zarovy will also be taking on the duties of State HCE President. Congrats Donna!

A grand total of \$3,835.00 (Pennies for Friendship) was donated by SE District members to ACWW for water filters. It was decided that no District dues would be collected from members for 2019 since the

District has a surplus of funds at this time. The NVON Conference generated a \$4,000 profit due to a higher number of attendees than was budgeted. Unfortunately, our State Conference lost about 3,500.00 because we budgeted for 350 and had only 274 members attending. It all worked out OK in the end.

The reports from the eight counties in the District were interesting and gave us a few ideas for Special Interest Programs. The reports are all available for us to read in the November 2018 Update newsletter.

We had a delicious lunch provided by the members of Dodge County. After lunch we were treated to a presentation by Julie Flemming of Fox Lake, Wi, a retired librarian, on the history and effects of the Indian Removal Act of 1830 on the Native American Winnebago tribe and the other Woodland tribes of Wisconsin which include the Chippewa, Sioux, Winnebago, Sauk Fox and others who came later.

Our members who attended, Judy Spaeth, Faye Schneider, Marilyn Mayer, Susan Beck, Sue Burke, Bev Haizel, Jane Jansen and Ginny Ramstack all had a very enjoyable day mixing it up with our fellow district members. Any member is welcome to attend these meetings to find out what goes on at the District level.

Ginny Ramstack

## Meet Our New South Center Co-Chair



I'd like to introduce myself as the new South Center Co-Chairperson assisting Jan Oestreich in the duties for this office. I have been in HCE, previously called Homemakers, since 1973 when my husband and I built our house in Hubertus the previous year. Back then, there was an organization in the town called the "Welcome Wagon" and someone came to my door to invite me into the Homemakers Club. At the time, the club consisted of at-home moms who wanted an evening out (minus children) to learn about new topics and get together socially at each

## Christmas Board Meeting was Productive and Fun

The Washington County board of directors met on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at the PAC. It was the annual pot luck breakfast and regularly scheduled meeting. The food was excellent as always. We wrapped up the year discussing the new and exciting volunteer opportunities that will present themselves in the coming year. There is certainly a lot to look forward to! The special interest meetings will really be fun and educational as well. Stay tuned!

other's homes. When I joined the Sugar & Spice group, members all lived in my subdivision. Today, our club has only one other member and myself from our subdivision.

I've enjoyed this club all these years and saw how my life was enriched by the members who came and went and how the club has evolved to meet the needs of the community. At various times, I served as President, Vice President and Secretary of our Sugar & Spice club since I joined. There were times, due to family commitments, that I had to leave the club for a while, but I always wanted to be a part of this wonderful organization.

I still work full time and my husband is retired, so he's my travel agent for the trips we like to take. I'm looking forward to the next phase in my life with HCE and hope to get to know more names and faces as I go along.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Heitkemper  
South Center Co-Chairperson



## Mittens for Many Project 2018



Thanks to the “Making Mittens for Many” group that meets monthly for this project, as well as our many talented and generous members and groups.



Even some cute knit dolls got in the act!

HCE members met at the PAC on Tuesday morning, December 4th, to sort and pack warm, toasty items for delivery in our county. Recipients include Head Start children, Albrecht Free Clinic, Karl’s Place, elementary and middle schools, Kathy’s Hospice, Food Pantries, Casa Guadalupe, and Threshold- over 30 places. Below is just a sampling of what was delivered throughout the county.



Thanks ladies for your time and dedication to such a worthy cause.

## Clubs are Out and About



### Twisted Sisters club visits Twisted Sister Shop in Beaver Dam

On Saturday, November 3 a two car caravan of eight Twisted Sisters members headed out at 9am for Beaver Dam. By 10 am we were happily scavenging through antiques, collectibles, and various crafty gift items used to create a homey abode. We met Marma's friend Melanie who lives near Beaver Dam who was happy to join us and be our guide.

After visiting our namesake shop Melanie directed us to several other antique and gift stores within walking distance. By 12:30pm we all gathered at Edith's restaurant for a plentiful and flavorful lunch. Many members took home some of Edith's home baked breads. It was a fun day and everyone agreed that we will be back.



## **Sugar and Spice attended the Richfield Historical Society presentation: A Step back in time to Balmoral Castle**

Have you ever wondered about the lifestyle of a royal family and who takes care of them? Debbie LaBonte and I found out what it takes to do just that at a Richfield Historical Society presentation by Jessica Michna at the Richfield Firemans Park on Hwy 175 on Nov. 15. Jessica's presentation was of Margaret Cummins, the royal family's head housekeeper at Balmoral Castle for 78 years during the reign of Queen Victoria in the 1800s. Jessica dressed, acted and spoke as the English housekeeper at the time and spoke to the audience as if we were all the housekeeping staff getting prepared for the arrival of the royal couple and their family of 9 children to Balmoral Castle during the holiday season.

As the staff, we were to remain in our daily uniforms 24 hours a day so that we would be fully available to any of the royal family at a moment's notice. Another memorable procedure was if a fire was not lit in one of the many fireplaces in the castle, it took many people in the chain of housekeeping command to communicate back and forth the request to get the fire lit. For example, the maid in the room had to notify the person stationed outside of the room who had to notify the person in charge of the hall who had to notify the person in charge of the floor who had to notify the person in charge of the wing who had to notify the person next in command until the request finally got to the person who actually got the wood.

Jessica also added a bit of humor to her presentation with her rendition of how Margaret viewed the Queen. Whenever Jessica mentioned the Queen in her presentation, she

would say many complimentary adjectives (can't remember them all), but would include "the benevolent, the generous....Queen Victoria" and bow at the end of this statement.

In addition to the staff's responsibilities, Jessica also told of Margaret Cummins' life from starting work at 9 years old to her rise to head housekeeper at Balmoral Castle. She told of the backbreaking work and extensive hours of working as scullery staff (kitchen). Most of the people who worked as scullery staff would be permanently bent over from this type of workload early in life. Margaret worked there for 2 years and determined to get away from that type of work as soon as possible.

As Margaret worked her way up to other positions, she became one of the staff that attended to Queen Victoria while still in her teens. The Queen took a liking to her and Margaret became a personal confidant to the Queen which was very unique for class-conscious England at the time.

Another bit of history that Jessica told of the royal family was how the husband of Queen Victoria tried to make things more efficient and cost saving for running the household of Balmoral Castle as well as other royal residences. He did a complete analysis of expenses and proceeded to request an audience of the Queen (yes, even the spouse had to make appointments with the Queen). For his efforts, he was severely reprimanded by the Queen.

Though we thoroughly enjoyed Jessica's historic presentation, I think we were all thinking it's a good thing we were not part of the staff at Balmoral Castle. I'm also thinking I would like to attend future presentations by the Richfield Historical Society and will be checking their website for future events.

Phyllis Heitkemper

## November Special Interest Meeting

### Casa Guadalupe, the Bridge of Integration

If you were fortunate enough to have attended the special interest meeting in November, then you know what an interesting and educational night it was. Our speaker was Noelle Braun, the executive director of Casa Guadalupe. Casa is a local organization dedicated to helping Latino people in Washington County find meaningful work and social outlets. They help people with English as a second language learn to speak and understand the many quirks the English language can present. Noelle explained how the complicated and expensive process of getting a green card can be very frustrating. She talked about the differences in culture and practices. For example we learned the meaning behind the festival of Día de Muertos, or Day of the Dead. People erect an altar to commemorate their loved ones who have passed. They offer the types of food the departed one liked as a way to connect and honor them. It is a happy occasion for all. Dia de Muertos is celebrated between Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The question and answer period was very enlightening and brought up the question of immigration, which as we know, is a very timely topic. There is certainly no easy answer to that very complicated question. Noelle explained that the process to becoming a citizen can take many years and a great deal of patience with government bureaucracy. She shared the many success stories that her organization has had in helping people. And she shared that there is always a need for volunteers to read and help the people that come to Casa Guadalupe. Something to think about!



Top two pics: Pictures of power point presentation giving interesting stats and examples of youth outreach programs.  
Below: Ginny with speaker Noelle Braun



## Upcoming Special Interest Meetings

### **Cut the Cable**

Thursday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Tired of paying for all those TV channels you never watch? Does your cable bill keep rising? It's time to cut the cable and start streaming! Learn about cost saving options to watch the TV shows and movies you like.

### **NAMI In Our Own Voice**

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

What does NAMI do in our community? NAMI offers support for families and peer support for individuals with mental health issues. 2019 is 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NAMI-Washington County. Sheryl Smith, volunteer for NAMI-Washington County will share the background of the organization, information about its current programming and possibilities for involvement.

### **New Mexico**

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Learn about this beautiful state which was settled way before Columbus. It has many great places above and below ground. Sign up before March 1st so we can send out our MILD seasoned recipes.

### **Editor's Note:**

Let's have someone safeguard our 80 years + of activities and events! The very important position of Historian for Washington county HCE remains unfilled. Please consider this position as an individual, or club endeavor.

## Club News

### South Center Report

**Hubertus Honeys:** I am reporting on 3 separate meetings. Each meeting they start the meeting with Pennies for Friendship. In September "America Remembers 911". Take each letter of your name out of the saying and add 1 penny for each remaining letter.

Collected dues for the 6 members in their group. Mentioned the need of 2 more Bookworm readers. They decided to give \$45 to the homeless shelter program, Karls Place. While reading through the Roots and Branches; they noticed the pictures seemed quite small and hard to see the faces.

In October the Pennies for Friendship collection were the words Nina Pinta Sienta Maria Columbus Day; take the letters from your full name out and count the rest of the letters per penny. Claudie and Karen will attend the Fall Association meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was short and adjourned with the HCE Prayer at 11:30am.

November meeting opened with the pledge and Pennies for Friendship collection game was to take your full phone number with area code. Add the numbers up and that is your donation.

Averaging only 3 members during their meetings, they made some big suggestions for the Special Interest programs in year 2020.

Nutrition Health and Safety: 1) using cauliflower as a crust or potatoes, 2) gluten free recipes. Personal interest: was to make the wreaths similar to what was presented at

State Conference Consumerism: 1) how to stream the TV/Internet 2) Alexa talking machine Nature and Environmental Impact: the different types of birds and the food they eat International Study: 1) Australia 2) Norway-Sweden 3) Poland.

Reminded to bring mittens, scarves and hats to the PAC by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> for the Mittens for Many drive. They will sort them at the PAC on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Call Debbie Labonte. Meeting ended with the HCE prayer creed.

Coney River: The October 16 meeting was at the home of Susan Beck with 9 out of 9 members attending with 2 guests. Business opened with the HCE Creed and formalities. Glowing report on the Shalom Wildlife Center. Money collected for Haiti and Pennies for Friendship. Faye reported on the Open House at the Government Center, celebrating 100 years of UWEX.

Discussed the upcoming Special Events: eight members will be attending the Fall Association Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, election of officers will be presented. Marilyn M. and Faye S. are presiding officers on the Board. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 members will attend the Casa Guadalupe program at the PAC. Three of the members will be going to the Southeast District Meeting in Dodge County. And their Christmas Dinner Party will be at the home of Mardell Rauh on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. They collect Socks for the local food pantry as well as a gift exchange and to play one of Faye's famous party games with White Elephant prizes.

They sadly acknowledged the passing of one of their former member, Orlyn Mayer, and a donation from the Sunshine Fund was made to the County Scholarship fund in her memory. A suggestion Life of Hope, a suicide prevention organization, for a possible future program.

The Mittens for Many is welcoming new knitters, crocheters, weavers to their monthly sessions held at the West Bend Library. Watch for upcoming news about changes to Marma'a Match for Bookworms. Meeting was closed with the HCE Prayer Creed.

The November meeting was on November 20<sup>th</sup> at Faye Schneider home with 8 out of 9 members with 3 guests. They have now increased their group membership. After their monthly formalities and collections they played a game of Thanksgiving riddles. No riddles were shared in this report. A Thank You note received from Orlyn Mayer family on her recent passing. They are sending out Care Cards to 2 of their members. Their club will make charitable donations after Christmas and will consider recipients in the meantime.

They mentioned the forgotten name of the restaurant that they ate in the June summer outing at Rosendale: **Tabberts**. All were pleasantly surprised when presented with the coveted **2018 WE Energies Cookie Book**. Now let's get baking!!

Their group does not meet in January but they discussed the UWEX cutbacks and the need for our membership to take on more responsibilities. A Task Sheet was passed around asking for members to sign up on a committee or assist with a job to make the office staff less burdensome. Ideas for future programs were considered. Nothing was submitted at this meeting. Plans for the Christmas Party reviewed and the anticipated festivities for the holiday event hosted at

Mardell's house. Minutes from the Fall Association Meeting were shared, the Roots and Branches distributed, and the meeting ended with the HCE Prayer.

**Slinger H.N.O.** Their group met both in October and November during the daytime. With only 3 members left they still meet diligently and discuss the Roots and Branches. They contributed as a group \$20.00 for the year to the Pennies for Friendship cause. All 3 attended the Fall Association and donated to the Golden Opportunities. They did not submit any specific ideas for the Special Interest programs for 2020. They are not happy about meeting on a Saturday for a meeting. Our membership is down and practicality sometimes takes presence in some circumstances. The Christmas Get Together will be Wednesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at MJ Stevens Restaurant. They invited former members, Vickie Laughlin and Ila Gaynor. Always fun to share holidays with old friends. Memories will be shared. All meetings concluded with the Prayer Creed.

**Sugar N Spice:** Being a member of this group makes it hard for me to repeat the same formalities. With Dorothy B calling the meetings to order with the Homemaker's Creed, which most of us have it memorized. I still have to follow along with the book so I don't get some of the sentences mixed up. Sometimes it is hard to relax when 6 of the 9 members are either officers of the board or head of committees within the organization. Final touches for the Fall Association table decorations were touched up in Marilyn's basement.

As a group they purchased a basket and decided to fill it up with items for Karl's Place. They recognize the hard work by Michelle Hanson who organized this project. We feel it is for a good cause in our county.

Debbie L reminded us about the Mittens for Many drive and deadline of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be sorting out the mittens, gloves and scarves on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. She is the tour/travel gal in the group and reminded us about the programs put on by the Richfield Historical Society on the last Thursday evening in the months October–May calendar year. Phyllis H and Debbie attended the program Balmoral Castle which was presented at the Richfield Fire Station in October. Phyllis submitted an article of that program.

Several members attended the Casa Guadalupe special Interest program. Being in charge of the Fall Association meeting, we had a big turnout with attendance of over 50 members. Bryan's Catering served a nice potato buffet followed with dessert. Everyone went way out for the Golden Opportunities raffle. Over 96 items were submitted. Several went home with lots of prizes. It is always fun to share with others who are winners for a cause. The table decorations set a fall atmosphere and were raffled off. The elections were unanimous with returning members as officers with an addition of Phyllis Heitkemper as co-chair for South Center. Thank you to Dorothy Bayard as past co-chair for the South Center.

Getting back to business, their suggestions for Special Interest topics for 2020 are as follows: Probiotics vs Prebiotics, Baking with Yeast, Acupuncture/Dry Needling, Turmeric for total nutrition. Topics on Reducing Food Waste, the Horicon History, the Ice Age Trail and Eagles in Washington County. They do have some local speakers intended for these programs. They picked Iceland for the International and finally the ACE program which was presented at the State Conference this year. This group gave a lot of thought, as well as the Hubertus Honeys.

Their Christmas Party was December 4<sup>th</sup> at Dorothy Bayard's house. Take Away Bingo and White Elephant prizes were shared. The appetizer of the evening was the Cranberry Jalapeno Dip served on crackers. You will have to ask Dorothy for the recipe. They also invited past *members Lynn Wellinghoff, Arlene Schmitz, and Jan Jilling's sister, Elaine. Happy Holidays!!!*

This concludes the South Center groups through December. All will get their new books for 2019. If you see any new members from Coney River, say Hi, and make them feel part of HCE.

Submitted by,  
Janice Oestreich and Phyllis Heitkemper

## North Center Report

EVER READY members met at Bev Buckmann's home for the October meeting. The members loved Shalom Wildlife Zoo, and the delicious German food. Members decided to go back to eat, since Shalom features a different nationality on their menu each month. Members donated \$25.00 to Karl's Place, and dues were collected, as well as Pennies for Friendship. The Mitten Project was discussed and the places to go to knit, or even learn how to knit. They discussed projects for next year and ended the meeting, with a delicious Apple dessert. In November, Ever Ready members dined at Panera Bread. The Club devoted 20 minutes on discussing citizenship and the steps necessary to get a Green Card. Mittens and hats were collected for the Mitten Project. \$14.00 was sent for Pennies for Friendship, and the Club filled out program ideas for 2020. Ever Ready's Christmas Party will be at No No's, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by a gift exchange, dessert, sheephead and bingo at Deb Schmidt's house.

PRESSURE COOKERS held their White Elephant Sale in October. Members brought items wrapped for bidding on, with the money going into the Treasury. The Club gave \$20.00 to Pennies for Friendship. Five members attended Shalom Wildlife Zoo. Members attended the Casa Guadalupe Special Interest Session, and are busy planning the Christmas Party, which will be held at the Hampton Inn on December 8<sup>th</sup>, with Gateway doing the catering. They were reminded to bring their own drinks, with Bonita, Bev, and Karen bringing dessert. In November, the Club met at Bev Taylor's house. Pressure Cooker Club Officers will remain the same for the next term. The White Elephant Sale brought in \$164.00. They reviewed the

Roots and Branches and discussed their plans for the coming year. Members discussed Shalom Wildlife Zoo, and feel people in our area are unaware of the activities and scope of this center. Special interest ideas for 2020, were discussed. They decided to have snacks and a dessert instead of a meal before the meeting and may occasionally go out to eat. The Club members drew names for Christmas gifts, with them spending \$25-\$30. The Club is changing their meetings in January and February to a Saturday, during the day, as they did last year. Members are all looking forward to their Christmas Party at the Hampton Inn on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

TWISTED SISTERS November meeting was held at Joan Hepp's home. Members recapped the November 3<sup>rd</sup> road trip to the Twisted Sisters Consignment Shop in Beaver Dam. All 8 members participated and enjoyed browsing in the consignment shop that shares their club name. The shop was quite large and offered a wide variety of handmade as well as antique items. Purchases were made by most members. After finishing their shopping at Twisted Sisters, they walked through downtown Beaver Dam and browsed in several other quaint shops. The consensus was unanimous. It was a very fun and worthwhile trip. Some members plan to return another time. Twisted Sisters plans to meet at Shalom Wildlife Center on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00, do a drive through, and then be off to Walden's Supper Club for dinner. They will do a gift exchange, from the names that were drawn in October. They discussed what they should do for some volunteer work. Bell ringing for the Salvation Army was suggested as was working at the Gingerbread House.

The decision was made to work at the Gingerbread House. Michelle explained the task list concept that was introduced at the Fall Assn. Meeting. Beth Kohler, Gerry Weisinger, and Marge Kufahl signed up to help Marma McIntee with the Bookworm Program. Other members will think about what they would like to sign up for. The Club brainstormed on ideas for the various categories for the 2020 Special Interest Programs, and managed to come up with many good, interesting and varied ideas for each category. It was decided that in January for their "anything" meeting the club will once again attend a West Bend Bombers hockey game. They looked at the calendar for 2019 and decided when and where they will hold their HCE meetings. The meeting concluded with the HCE Prayer Creed and wonderful baked goods were served. The hostess, Joan Hepp, offered genealogy packets for anyone wishing to pursue their ancestry, and Joan demonstrated the process of crocheting mats made out of recycled plastic bags. Joan donates finished mats to a homeless organization. This process also can be used to make shopping or market bags. At the end they all tried making a mat.

WAYNE WILLING WEAVERS have had a busy fall. The WWWs met for lunch in October, and six members went on the tour of

Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. All enjoyed the tour and appreciated riding instead of walking. Five members attended the Fall Association Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The food and decorations were wonderful. One member just happened to be very lucky, and it took three people to carry out her "Golden Opportunities" raffle winnings. Annual membership dues of \$15.00 was collected at the October meeting along with Pennies for Friendship. Five members attended the November, Special Interest Session on Casa Guadalupe. Culvers was the setting for the Clubs November meeting. President Marilyn Martin opened the meeting with the HCE Homemaker's Creed. Members reviewed the various HCE Task Committees and discussed task details. The Club talked about their annual Christmas Party, and it was decided to meet a Cedar Ridge for lunch on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The Club will donate to Haiti and the Samaritan Home, and each member will bring non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry in Kewaskum. At the Christmas Party members will find out who has been remembering them throughout the year. Each member's Secret Pal will be revealed, Christmas gifts will be opened, and members will draw names for their next year's Secret Pal. The meeting closed with the HCE Prayer Creed.

## WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS™

### FUNDRAISING REPORT

#### Wisconsin Bookworms™ Report—Marma McIntee

2018 was such a great year for Wisconsin Bookworms. We met our fundraising goals and had the funds necessary to purchase 235 sets of books and book plates for the children we serve in Washington County. Our members are the best and hardest workers in supporting this program. Thank you for your many contributions and a shout out to the Coney River club for their recent donation to the fund.

**Program update:** One of our readers, Jane Maley, will be participating in a mini-program during January – April at the Playful Hearts child care center in West Bend. On occasion we will conduct a short term, one time program to use some of the left over books we might have from past years. Thanks to Jane for helping us with this one time program.

Our 2018/19 Wisconsin Bookworms™ year is now under way as we start my 2019

Match Challenge. This year there is a new twist to the Match Challenge. Read the details below. The deadline is important because we must submit our order for books by May. So read on and thanks ahead of time for your donations:

#### **Wisconsin Bookworm™ Match Challenge:**

For this year I challenge members to make a donation of \$15 or more for the 2019 Wisconsin Bookworms™ fundraising year. I will match donations from individual members (not a club donation) up to a total of \$500 for the Bookworms program.

**New this year:** For every individual donation of \$30 or more, your name will be entered into a drawing for 3 members to join me as my guests to tour the Museum of Wisconsin Art exhibits and lunch at the Riverside Brewery. Three names will be drawn to join me after the May 15 deadline.

Send your Wisconsin Bookworms™ donation to me with the **BOOKWORM CHALLENGE FORM**. Your deadline for this challenge is May 15. GO HCE GO!!!

### **BOOKWORM CHALLENGE FORM**

**Here is my donation for the Wisconsin Bookworm Program.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of which club: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of my donation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Washington County HCE  
Mail to: Marma McIntee,  
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