



Let's Make It Happen

Well, here we are back with our own newsletter! It's been many years since our county HCE newsletter discontinued and the Foghorn took over sending out our information. I can't remember what the newsletter was called back then. So, are we looking for a new name for our newsletter? Send me some suggestions, for now we shall just have it as above.

I just received my first issue of the "Communicator", the Wisconsin Association for HCE Inc. newsletter. Wow, what does all this stuff in here mean? Since I am new to this, I shall depend on my co-president Anita to guide me through. The Theme is "HCE Working Together Can Create Positive Change, "Let's Make It Happen." I thought our county organization was working together well, but I guess there's always room for improvement. Anita and I will be working together as Co-Presidents to find out what that might be. And always, working together isn't exclusive to the two of us, please feel free to help out! We're a

county team, and that makes it so much easier for us to hold the title Co-President. We've got lots of experience in our county.

Our first Executive Board meeting will be Jan. 9, 2018. I wonder what we were thinking on that, that means Anita and I will have to work on the agenda during the holidays! It will be a good start to our January tho.

The 2018 Program Books are done and will be distributed by your club presidents at your next club meeting. **Thank you thank you** to Kay Ratajczak for all your hard work and coordination skills! You are awesome! Kay would like to retire from this job in 2 years so keep this **opportunity** in mind and learn from Kay while you can. I'm sure she'd appreciate help in the interim. And thank you to the team members who helped her out or contributed.

We hope this "brand new" way of communicating covers our needs. It will surely be refined along the way. This issue will definitely be the hardest, starting out from scratch.

*Working Together – Co Presidents
Anita Schuller and Jan Tess*

State Conference Report

Membership: Retired and Inspired

Carla Pfund, the current WAHCE membership chair, reminded us that we wear many hats in HCE. As an **individual or club member**, you also belong to

Kewaunee County HCE, which is a part of

Northeast District (8 counties) of **WAHCE** (Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education), which is part of

NVON—consisting of 8 different states under the name of National Volunteer Outreach Network;

CWC—Country Women's Council of the United States of America; and

ACWW—Associated Country Women of the World, which has its headquarters in London.

So many of us only think we belong to a small group, but this shows the dynamics of this wonderful organization. More information will follow about these various organizations.

After reviewing the organizational chart, we talked about recruiting and retaining members in HCE.

Shared by Kay Ratajczak

Executive Board Meeting

As stated in the above letter, the first Executive Board Meeting will be held on

Jan. 9, 2018,

at 1 pm at the

Administration Center, 810 Lincoln St.,
Kewaunee

We've decided not to repeat information or put a calendar on our newsletter page, as all the information you need is in your Program Book. But just in case you haven't gotten your book yet, here is the info. Hope to see you there!

In Memorium

If you wish to have a tribute to a loved one posted in our newsletter, please let me know asap. In the past we've relied on a network of sorts to offer our condolences, but that isn't always reliable and we'd hate to miss someone you're connected with. Thank you—Jan Tess



State Conference Report

Growing Garlic presented by Jennifer Biau

Jennifer was very informative for being a "new" farmer. She has been at it for 3 years.

I use a lot of garlic in my cooking so this was a fun program. I do not grow my own garlic as we have an excellent garlic farm in Kewaunee County, Alpaca to Apparel.

You must grow hard neck garlic around here as it keeps thru the winter. To grow your own garlic plant it at Halloween time. Keep your garlic bed weed free. Garlic must winter in the ground. Pick the scape's-flower heads/seeds on Memorial Day. You can eat these scapes, they are delicious. Harvest on July 4. Dry and peel loose leaves, and keep dry. This crop is not the most conventional to grow but fun for children.

For every pound of garlic planted you can get a return of 8-10 pounds. How much can you eat in one year???

Garlic purchased in the grocery store in little boxes with very clean root ends were probably grown in China and shipped to the USA to be sold.

If you buy a garlic bulb in the store and break it apart into cloves -you can plant it at Halloween and see how it does your first year. It may keep the goblins away.

Submitted by Linda Vogel

