

Association for Home and Community Education



Kewaunee County

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Let's Make It Happen

With this newsletter you get two letters from your co-presidents. I had asked Anita to write the letter for this time, and then forgot; I wrote one too! I didn't want to waste our efforts as I feel they make good points, and we made some of the same points. So even when we aren't working together, we ARE!

Anita: I am your co-president. Most of you would know me as I have been your county president three different times. The first time in 1986, the others after that. I have been your district director or coordinator a couple years back. I've held offices as District Membership and International Chair every year since the 1980's. I've surely met a lot of friends from other counties since then. These committees met at each district meeting as separate groups, you knew each county's activities.

Our county could do better in Pennies for Friendship; we had \$146.65 total for the year. You only need a small pouch to collect at every meeting. These monies are used for Hunger in India, Water for All, Water Filter project and Haiti projects through the state HCE. There is also the 25¢ per person project for Haiti for learning sessions.

Our county had 8542 Impact hours of service to HCE that ended in July of 2017. The financial was not submitted, but you all know what we each donate at our fund raising projects. These records are used in the Family Living Educator reports to our local county board to show our impact within our county.

All the clubs do some very interesting projects. If you could email your minutes including what you are participating in to Jan we could share the news in our newsletter. It would be very interesting to all our county members.

My Christmas cactus thinks it's December!

Jan—And a warm spring to you all! We complain about winter, and this

year was a rough one, but that makes spring feel all the sweeter. For me winter actually went fast. I realize it may not be over yet but the daylight is getting longer every day.

I was reading the "Update" earlier this week and found it very interesting. If you don't get the Update, it has information about what's going on in the HCE state.

For instance, right now there are two scholarships that members can apply for. There was another that was due Mar. 1. These scholarships are in honor of WAHCE members. The remaining ones are for travel expenses to a WAHCE supported international project and the other is to encourage members of WAHCE to seek leadership training. Great opportunities, forms are all on the WAHCE website at www.wahceinc.org

There were a lot of articles in the newsletter, but I am picking the International News for 2018 for a mention. They are asking 25¢, yes, just a quarter, per member, to donate this year for the women of Haiti. They are beginning to form a learning center and working on the "Zero Hunger" incentive. This is run through Ventures in People (Helping Haitians Help Themselves) and they will be monitoring it and reporting back.

I hope you are all keeping track of your HCE activities from Feb. 18 on. Your club president should have given you a copy to fill out. I started filling mine out, and already am surprised at the hours involved. Time flies when you are having fun! For Barbara Piechocki and me, some of these hours for the pruning program also count as volunteer hours for Master Gardener Volunteers. It's nice to count things in multiple ways, and nice to share our UW Extension programs!

So, good bye winter, hello spring. We wish you all a great one. (Go prune your trees!)

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

Club Minutes Request

I would like to request that club secretaries send their club minutes to Anita and me. We have not been receiving many of them. In the past they've been sent to Renee too. Renee has said she does not need to receive them anymore. The purpose for Anita and I is we would like to put a sentence or two in our newsletter from each club. We feel it's important to know what clubs are doing, they've been doing some great things! Sometimes articles are needed for the Update from our county and it would make it easier for that person to know more too. So please send them to us, they aren't going to just be ignored! Thank you!

Scholarship Applications Now Available

Kewaunee County HCE Scholarships and Barbara Hartjes Memorial Scholarship applications are available for 2018. Guidelines and applications are online at <http://kewaunee.uwex.edu/family-living/hce/> or at Kewaunee, Luxemburg-Casco, and Algoma High Schools. Completed applications are due to **Kay Ratajczak, 1416 Kilbourn Street, Kewaunee, WI 54216, postmarked on or before April 2, 2018.**

Save the Date - Salad Supper

The 12th annual Salad Supper is being held on **Tuesday, April 3 from 5-7 pm at Holy Rosary Church** in Kewaunee.



Bring your friends and family for a night out to enjoy delicious salads benefitting continuing education of our youth and members.

Each HCE member should bring a large salad or 2 small ones.

Plan Ahead!

Lakeshore Legacy: Several members donated food bites and helped set up and serve at the Zoupart day held by the Zoological Society. They also have the banquet pretty well planned!
Hilltoppers: Planned basket for bucket raffle at Salad Supper and donated toward the same. Discussed HCE chairs and opted for leaving them at the Kewaunee Fire Station.

Make sure to plan ahead for two special conferences, both at Pewaukee.

- The NVON Conference July 16-18, www.nvon.org
- The State WAHCE Conference Sept. 17-19 More information to come

Pig Roast at Kewaunee Marina, July 28

Music in the Park, Kewaunee July 29

Also please note a **program change:** Craft Night scheduled for Sept. 25 has been rescheduled for Nov. 5

Pennies for Friendship

Please have your club's contributions to Pennies for Friendship ready to give Barbara Piechocki, County Treasurer, at our Association Meeting on April 24. A check with the amount from each club would be awesome but we will not refuse any donation!

HCE Healthy Lifestyle & Impact of HCE

These important forms are due to Janis Schlies by June 1, so she has time to compile them.

Annual HCE Trip

This year's trip is to Shawano County June 18-20. There is still room, but we need to get your reservation soon. For details on the trip contact Mary Vogel or Mari Fager. A deposit is due upon reservation.

Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners Update

Amy Wesa of the Stevens Point warehouse mailed me information that WN/P Managua staff moved into their communities taking all they need to continue and improve their educational process.

These are totals that were received in Managua:

- 118 backpacks
- 76 school backpacks
- 45 puppets with a book
- 12 toy boxes
- 14 English books
- 21 school supply boxes
- 138 school tables and chairs
- 18 desktop personal computers

Children from communities visited in Ticuantepe, Nicaragua, received backpacks with school supplies, toys, blankets, clothes and many more items.

Thanks to Ernie DelChambre for driving the first U-Haul in spring with a load of much needed items to the Stevens Point warehouse. On Sept. 5, 2017 Pat Kacer (thanks Pat) drove the U-Haul, and I took another van load to Stevens Point.

Shared by Anita Schuller



March Educational Program

27 (Tues)

Potatoe Geneology



6:30 pm

Presenter: Max Martin, Peninsular Research Station, Sturgeon Bay

Facilitator: Mari Fager 388-2841

Location: Dugout (lower level)
620 Lake Street, Algoma

Feb. Program Wrap Up

On Feb. 20, 14 members braved the icy roads to attend the General Pruning and Garden program presented by Master Gardener Volunteers/HCE members Barbara Piechocki and Jan Tess. The program was very educational and fascinating. (If we do so say so ourselves.) Basic pruning tips were shared, as to when to prune, different methods of pruning, tools to use and care of tools. A live demonstration was held right outside the window for comfortable viewing.

Shared by Jan Tess



State Conference Report

Our trip was colorful riding — watching the crops and flowers along the way. I rode with four other ladies.

The Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells was a very nice place to stay—the conference rooms were close and all the meetings were in one big building.

Our trip was a boat ride on the Mississippi River, a lot I remember

from years ago, but it was interesting to see it again, as it had been awhile.

- The seminars I took were
1. "Getting the Youth Outside" - exploring and becoming aware of nature.
 2. Fermentation Fest on food and drink, a lot of things we eat and drink
 3. Spirits of Sauk County which was very interesting. It was about orbs around us—some

places are haunted.

4. Memory writing, using the palm of your hand—a slice of life. Stick with small stories—reflect first before writing.
5. Workshop with Creating Scarf Clip Crafts- one was a butterfly, the other a dragon fly with beads on. They looked really nice when they were done.

Shared by Mary Vogel