



November/December 2011

Clark County Association for Home & Community Education

Clark County HCE President Diana Schuette
Vice President for Program and Community Outreach Lois Becker
Family Living Agent / HCE Advisor Julie Simek-Heggebo
HCE Secretary Lori Hendrickson

Presidents Letter

News from our Fall Business Meeting . . . first of all, thanks to all clubs who sent representatives. We lucked out with the weather—our early fall snowstorm held off until the next day.

Important items of business included:

A raise in membership dues to \$10 dollars for club members and \$13 dollars for members at large. We have not had a raise in dues for several years and this modest increase will enable us to completely fund the newsletter, which costs .44 cents per member for each mailing.

Up-dating the bylaws to allow for two or more people to serve as the Dairy Bar Coordinator. Whether this is an elected or appointed position still needs to be worked out, and that will be on the Executive Board's agenda in coming months.

Elected to another term were:

- Pat Miller, Up and Coming (treasurer)
- Sandy Fritz, Owen Happy (HCE Day Coordinator)
- Joan Knack, Live and Learn (secretary)

Since we had no candidate for President Elect, your current president has agreed to serve another year.

Donna Koski, Wisconsin Bookworms™ Coordinator, declined to serve another term, and we had no volunteers to take her place, so that position is currently vacant. It is my hope that someone will step forward to take this position before spring, as this is one of our most important service projects.

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Mission Statement of the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education

HCE Offers Opportunities for:

Learning in a social setting

Sharing what we learn

Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities, and the world

Speaking of projects, our Vice-President for Family and Community Program, Lois Becker, described for us a new project that should be of interest to many of our members. The Marshfield Hospital has started a practice called a Comfort Cart (see below), which includes handmade quilts for very sick patients in the Pediatric and Adult Trauma Centers of the hospital. She encouraged members to either make their own, according to specifications she handed out that evening, or join in a "Quilting Bee" to be held sometime this coming winter, when HCE members can all get together to make quilts for this project. We will collect them next spring at HCE Day, which will be held in Neillsville

Year Books for next year should be ready by January 1st, so be sure to get yours from one of the board members. Program planning is still not complete, so watch your newsletter for upcoming events I heard through the "grapevine" that our Tour committee has an exciting trip planned for early next year—check out page 4.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season,

Diana Schuette
Clark County HCE President

Comfort Carts / Quilts

Ministry Saint Josephs Hospital is the only Level II Pediatric and Adult Trauma Center in the region. As such, many patients come from various distances and deal with very traumatic situations. Oftentimes, it is dealing with the unexpected loss of a loved one.

The staff of the Intensive Care and Critical Care Units put together a proposal to develop Comfort Carts that could be wheeled into the patient rooms during the impending or unexpected loss. Various material are provided on the carts to help the family deal with loss and grief. Items will include prayer books, rosary beads, and information on hand prints the hospital staff assists with. Coffee and granola bars also are available as comfort food for the family.

One of the most appreciated items on the carts however, are the hand-made quilts, which help to create a more "homelike" environment during this difficult time. Families are encouraged to take the quilts home, or they can be laundered and reused on another comfort cart.

The quilts needed are twin sized (40" x 60") and can be simply tied, embroidered, or patchwork. They can be made of flannel, fleece or cotton and should be washable.

Clark County HCE members can help with this project either on their own, or at a Quilting Bee planned for later this winter. Watch for more information in the January newsletter.

Club News

Candlelight / November

- Marie Henning presented Utah National Parks tour highlights
- Reports given by: Pat Mrotek (FHN) - "We can! Go Slow and Whoa Foods"; Dorothy Jacoby (HEE) - Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning; Sharon Wetzel (IC) - the 20-20-20 eye rule, take back control of the remote, and cyber bullying.

Hilltop / October

- Arlene presented preserving family history/genealogy
- Club will donate money to The Highground
- Members guessed at "Pennies for Friendship" collected—winner will be announced in November
- Reports given by: Audrey—home safety and security; Arlene—Are you cooking with the right oil?; Alice—diet soda dilemma; and Kathleen—pennies for friendship and how the money helps people all over the world
- Next meeting is November 29 at Kathleen's home

Live and Learn / November

- Joan Knack presented 2 projects (Genealogy and Prescriptions)
- Reports given by: Barb (iPad and use by older people), Joan (charity scams and requirements to become a US citizen)
- Club will donate to food pantry, Wisconsin Bookworms™, Community Fund and Salvation Army
- Officers are: Joan—president; Patty—VP; Mary—sec/treas.

Lone Pine / September

- Marie presented Preserving Family History
- Club gave a "fire basket" to the Harm family who lost their home in a tornado
- Reports given by: Margaret (checking labels and buy products made in USA); Rosemary (health issues, skin cancer, etc)
- Next meeting November 16

Town and Country / October

- Lois Becker gave presentation on Family Tree/genealogy
- Roll call was what you like about the fall
- Election of officers: Marilyn Hinker—president; Betty Loos—VP; Donna Koski—sec/treas
- Velora shared her pictures and talked about her trip to China
- Next meeting November 21 at Velora's home

Just a reminder—the HCE newsletter can now be found on-line at:
<http://clark.uwex.edu/hce-newsletters/>

Also—you can request that you receive your newsletter via email to save on postage—contact the UW-Extension Office at 715-743-5121.

2012 HCE Garden Expo Tour Saturday, February 11

Spring is a long way off and we've just put the gardens to rest but come February it will be time to start planning and thinking about them again so the Clark County HCE will be taking a trip to the WPT Garden Expo in Madison on February 11. The Garden Expo, now in its 19th year, offers you a space to "think green" and to begin planning for summer days.

There are many things to do at the Expo, like waking through the central garden display, visiting with hundreds of businesses, independent contractors, and artists to view their work and share ideas. There is also the chance to purchase seeds, tools, and everything else you need or want for gardening.

The Garden Expo features a variety of educational seminars and demonstrations on topics such as lawn care, new plant ideas, cooking, and more. There is no charge for these and participants are welcome to simply attend whichever sessions are of interest to them. A list of topics will be listed on their website mid-December at www.wigardenexpo.com. They also offer several hands on workshops. These require pre-registration and a fee. If you are interested in any of these you must make your own reservations at www.wigardenexpo.com.

We plan to be at the Expo from 10:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. There is lots of walking involved but it is at your own pace. Lunch is available on the grounds but it is on your own. We will be making a stop for supper in Mauston on the way home at a McDonalds or Culvers. This is also on your own.

We will be traveling with Progressive Travel and pick up times are as follows:

6:00 a.m. Progressive Travel Garage—Spencer
6:30 a.m. O-W High School (west side)—Owen
6:50 a.m. Mayville's Market—Greenwood
7:10 a.m. Pamida—Neillsville

Cost of trip is \$37 for HCE members and \$42.00 for non members. This includes bus, entry fee, and bus driver's tip.

Please send registration to: Joanne Trunkel
N9569 River Ave
Greenwood, WI 54437

Registration form can be found on page 5.

Registrations are due by **JANUARY 27** and are on a first-come/first-serve basis.

If you have any questions, please call Joanne at 715-267-7264.



*Fall Minocqua Tour
February 11, 2012*

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Phone Number _____

_____ I am a **club or individual member** of HCE
\$37 each

_____ I am a **family member** of an HCE member
(family members include spouses and children
under 18) \$37 each

_____ **Non-member**
\$42 each

I will board the bus at: ___ Spencer
 ___ Owen
 ___ Greenwood
 ___ Neillsville

Please check the following statement
acknowledging that you agree to the terms:

_____ I voluntarily and without reservation on behalf of
myself, my heirs, executors, and assigns
assume the risk of the tour/trip and waive any
and all claims of whatever against the Board of
Regents of the University of Wisconsin System
and all its employees, agents, and the officer of
the Clark County Association for Home and
Community Education.

A registration form must be returned for each
person by **January 27**.

Send registration form, payment (made payable to
Clark County HCE) and a self-addressed, stamped
envelope to:

Joanne Trunkel
HCE Garden Tour
N9569 River Ave
Greenwood, WI 54437

**Registration fee is not refundable but can be
transferred to another person.**

*Thank you to the following clubs
who donated items for the
Department of Aging:*

- * *Candlelight*
- * *Country Lane*
- * *Hilltop*
- * *Live and Learn*
- * *Merry*
- * *Owen Happy*
- * *Town and Country*
- * *Up and Coming*



Calling All Snowbirds!

*Don't forget to contact the
UW-Extension Office at
715-743-5121 /*

*Theresa.hediger@co.clark.wi.us
with your winter address.*

Thank you!



The 215 of 8 books each, totaling 1,720, have all been distributed and are being enjoyed by about 1,212 children.

I'm pleased to report we have a new reader—welcome to Sally Weiler, Owen Happy HCE.

We have been participating in this project since 1998. We extended this project to children of parents with limited resources throughout Clark County. Our track record indicates that reading to young children promotes language acquisition and correlates with development, and later on with achievement in reading comprehension, higher math scores and success in school.

All dollars from donations go directly to purchasing books. Final reports were included in club packets distributed at the Fall Business Meeting. Please be sure to review this information. This is your project!

Thank you to everyone for your support in completing a very successful year.

Donna Koski, Wisconsin Bookworms™ Coordinator

Hearing From a Wisconsin Bookworms™ Reader

Ms. Clara Hediger's Greenwood Head Start class was my group to read to for the 2010-2011 school year. During this time eight books were read and handed out to the students. The books contained coordinating activity sheets so parents could stimulate their child into doing fun activities with their new book at home.

Reading, motivating and holding the attention of the four year old Wisconsin Bookworms™ kept me on my toes. It was both enjoyable and challenging, however, it is an experience I will do again this year.

Mary Ellen Rasmussen, Merry HCE

What Mary Ellen doesn't mention is that she feels learning should be fun and exciting, so some times she dresses up for the her Wisconsin Bookworms™ classes.—Donna Koski



**HCE Fall Business Meeting
November 8, 2011
ADS – Greenwood**

Meeting was called to order by Diana Schuette, president, at 6:35 p.m. The flag pledge, creed and Mission Statement were recited.

ROLL CALL-SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roll Call was taken by Mary Kipp, secretary. Ten clubs were represented with 19 members present. The minutes of business meeting of 2010 were read and reviewed. There were no corrections, and the minutes were placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Pat Miller reviewed the financial report. The income from Wisconsin Bookworms™ exceeded the costs for the year. Donna Koski wrote several grants which added to the income.
- A question was raised about Pennies for Friendship. Joan Knack, West District International Officer, indicated that the emphasis will be on Haiti and a Water Well for this year. More information will be in the newsletter.
- Members will have an opportunity to vote for projects at HCE Day. Pat Miller stated that the budget is balanced for next year. There were no questions about the proposed budget. Members voted with a show of hands to approve the budget for 2012. Budget approved.
- Diana Schuette discussed the proposed increase in country dues as recommended by the Executive Board. The proposed changes are: Members - \$7.00 to \$10.00 per year. Members at Large - \$10.00 to \$13.00 per year. Members voted with a show hands to approve the increase. Increase was approved. It will take effect in one year. Cindy Craig made a motion that non-members who take part in the HCE tours must be Members at Large and pay dues. There was no second. Motion failed.

BY-LAW CHANGE

Diana Schuette discussed a proposed change to the By-Laws that would change the title of Dairy Bar Coordinator to Dairy Bar Coordinators. Nancy Boortz made a motion to the change the title; seconded by Roberta Hanson. Motion carried. Diana Schuette initiated a discussion about changing the status of the Dairy Bar Coordinator/Coordinators from elected to appointed positions. Motion made by Lois Becker to change the status. There was no second. Motion tabled for further study.

OLD BUSINESS

Scrapbook rotation: Arlene Stark, historian, requested members to contact her if they would like to view a scrapbook

REPORTS

1. Julie Simek-Heggebo thanked the members for attending and for their hard work this past year. She recognized the work that Donna Koski did this past year to make the Wisconsin Bookworms™ project so successful. She stated that Ag Source has volunteered to donate money for a walk-in cooler/freezer for the Dairy Bar
2. HCE Day will be held in Neillsville this year
3. Arlene Stark and Cindy Craig stated that more workers are needed for the Dairy Bar
4. Lois Becker, VP for Program and Community Outreach, discussed the Comfort Carts which are provided at St. Joseph's Hospital for families who are experiencing a loss. One of the most appreciated items on the carts is a homemade quilt. Lois Becker would like to make this a project for the HCE clubs. The quilts could be made by individuals or as a group. They will be collected at HCE Day.
5. Lois also stated that Educational Reports are due to her by February 1. Awards will be presented at HCE Day.
6. Traveling Trophy forms are due to Arlene Stark by March 1.

PRESENTATION OF NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The following nominees were presented:

President Elect	No nominees
Secretary	Joan Knack
Treasurer	Pat Miller
HCE Coordinator	Sandy Fritz
WI Bookworms™ Coordinator	No nominee

Helen Horn made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees; seconded by Lois Becker. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Cultural	Art-Donna Koski (need one more person on the committee)
International/Citizenship	Mary Kipp (need one more person on the committee)
Scholarship	Cindy Craig
Tour	Joan Buchholz (Lois Becker reported that a tour is scheduled to the Garden Show in Madison in February)
Traveling Trophy	Arlene Stark

Diana Schuette installed the new officers and standing committee chairpersons.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Kipp, Secretary

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Advisors

International/Citizenship
Cultural Arts
Scholarship
Tour
Traveling Trophy

Standing Committee Chairs

President
Vice President for Program and Community Outreach
Secretary
Treasurer
Historian
Wisconsin Bookworm™ Coordinator
HCE Day Coordinator
Marketing/Membership Coordinator

Julie Simek-Heggebo, FLA

Lois Becker
Donna Koski
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Joanne Trunkel
Betty Loos

Diana Schutte
Lois Becker
Mary Kipp
Pat Miller
Arlene Stark
Donna Koski
Sandy Fritz
Cindy Craig

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