Dear HCE Members,

Well, is spring finally coming? It’s warmed up a little and after the cold winter we had, we deserve every degree of warmth we get.

There’s one more educational program left this season, on stem cell research. It should be a good one. In the fall, we’ll have telling your story (I’m leading it, so cross your fingers for me, okay?) in October, and one by the Kenosha Literacy Council in November.

We have an important decision to make at Fall Focus; namely whether to continue the cookie sale or not. If not, we should all agree, and follow through, to pay $25 for the scholarship fund. You’ll hear more about the reasons for this at Fall Focus.

There’s also the state conference in early September, in Cable this year. I hope many of you can attend.

We’ve also got the picnic this July 17 at Hansen Park in Bristol. That should be a lot of fun—who doesn’t love picnics!

Have a fun summer and I’ll see you all at Fall Focus, or the picnic.

Mary Witt, County President

### Calendar

#### May

7  Educational Program - Stem Cell Research, KCC 7 PM
12  Clothing Exchange, KCC
22  Card Making Event, KCC, 6 pm

#### July

17  HCE Picnic, Hansen Park, Bristol, 5:30 pm

#### August

1  Deadline for awards applications for WAHCE state awards ([www.wahceinhc.org](http://www.wahceinhc.org))
12  Executive Board Meeting, KCC, 5:30pm committee chairs invited
13-17  Kenosha County Fair
15  Deadline for WAHCE State Conference Registration

**September**

8-10  WAHCE State Conference, Cable
12  Registration for Fall Focus due
25  Fall Focus, KCC, 5:30 pm registration

**October**

7  Educational program; “Telling Your Story”, a POOL program from WAHCE, KCC, 7 pm
10  Extension Line deadline for November issue
14  Executive Board Meeting, KCC, 5:30 pm
16  SE District meeting, KCC 9 am

### Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee received a good response of entries for scholarships this year (16 in all). Thank you to everyone who had a loved one enter. It was great to see the variety of interests expressed in the entries, their enthusiasm, and their goals.

The applicant selected for the $1,000 family scholarship is Angela Nevoso of Twin Lakes, WI. Angela is the daughter of Heidi Nevoso. She plans a pre-med focus: majoring in chemistry and minoring in biology. She intends to continue on to medical school to become a doctor. In high school, Angela has been involved in volleyball, Student Council, softball, Special Olympics, National Honor Society, Student Ambassador, the school musical, and Health Occupations Students of America - to name a few. In her community she has been involved in 4-H, numerous volunteer drives, has volunteered at Shalom Center, her church, and even for HCE, in addition to her job at Subway.

We would also like to extend congratulations to Dorothy Merten (a 54 year member from Merry Makers) as well, for being awarded the Sue Savas Scholarship. Congratulations, Dorothy.

As always ... a big **Thank You** to all the HCE members for baking cookies, helping to pack and organize the cookie sale, working the cookie sale locations and for all the help to make the scholarships possible. Your time and effort is most appreciated.
We are planning a fundraiser to benefit scholarships this fall at the Fall Focus Dinner by holding a White Elephant / Silent Auction. Please keep this in mind and save your good stuff, as well as your White Elephant items and bring them on the night of the Fall Focus Dinner. The last time we did this we raised several hundred dollars and we hope to do so again.

On behalf of the 2014 Scholarship Committee, we are glad to have been of service.

Chris Werner, Chair

**Eastern Center News**

**News from Bright Horizons:** The club raised and donated money to a charity of their choice. Shirley Olson is no longer able to be an HCE member due to health reasons. A long time Bright Horizons HCE member, Ursula Christopherson passed away in April.

**Merry Makers:** The club collected money from members and made a donation to “Walk in my Shoes” in Kenosha. Merry Makers also lost a member, Barb Colicki, due to health reasons.

**Good Neighbors:** Member Jodi Zedi had to leave the group due to a change in her work schedule, as well as Sandy Beth. Susan Clingenpeel will be staying with the group. They will be adding Sandy Cech to their club.

**Country Cousins:** Club members were disappointed that scholarships could be cut or removed. It was suggested that with cuts of the fair basket and art show judge, that money be reallocated towards the scholarship. It was also suggested that the fundraising committee allot a sum to go towards the scholarship fund.

Mary Tunkieicz, Eastern Center Chair

**Program Planning**

Kudos to those involved with the Customs from Around the World Program in December, 2013. Many members have reported that they thoroughly enjoyed this program, the speaker and how she engaged the group with her great story telling ability. Many members have recently voiced an interest in moving the programs to day meetings to ease attendance of older members that may not drive at night. Also suggested, has been the idea of moving program nights from Tuesday nights, which has been done this year, as it conflicts with 4-H meetings held on the same nights.

**Membership Committee**

Several clubs have been working hard on membership. We have slipped slightly this year.

- 13 members did not rejoin
- 12 new members have enrolled

We now have 86 club members and three individual members plus one household member which gives us a total of 90 members. Our membership in 2013 was 91 members.

Here are the new members by clubs. Please update your membership directory:

- **Crosstown Neighbors**
  Sherri Arnold
  Debra Scully

- **Country Cousins**
  Karen Hanson
  Mary Ann Kennedy
  Kim Rickert

- **Good Neighbors**
  Sandy Cech
  Debra Waldron-Smith

- **Lakeshore Friends**
  Susan Aedo
  Kathryn Parsneau
  Ruth Rossman
  Julie Sepanski
  Sue VanBesien

We will miss the following:

- **Bristol** – Millie Weber
- **Bright Horizons** – Shirley Olson, Angie Roscioli
- **Merry Makers** – Barbara Colici
- **Country Cousins** – Laura Daletski, Susan Hyman and Tina Kisner
- **Good Neighbors** – Sandra Beth, Lisa Slusser, Heather Thurs and Jodi Zioli
- **Twilight Twenties** – Elaine Engel
- **Individual Member** – Sandy McCormick
Community Service Committee

- **HCE Culvers Night**

HCE will hold its first “Culvers Scoopie Night” fundraiser from 5 pm to 8 pm on Monday, June 2 at the Culvers in Pleasant Prairie. Culvers will donate 10% of the sales back to HCE. The monies will fund community service projects as the budget was reduced this past year. We would like to continue to be able to assist organizations throughout Kenosha County.

Mark your calendars and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come and have some good food and conversation all while benefitting our community service projects. **Be sure to mention that you are there on behalf of Kenosha County HCE so that we receive credit for your purchase.**

- **Card making Night**

Crosstown Neighbors will be hosting a card making night on May 22, 3 to 7 pm, at the KCC for anyone who is interested in coming out and supporting this project.

Supplies will be there for your use or bring some of your own. **Drop in for an hour or stay the entire time.** All cards will be donated to our Veterans in Union Grove. If you have any questions please contact Heidi 262-877-8565.

**Fundraising**

We will be selling KWIK TRIP gift cards to use at any KWIK TRIP for purchases. Kwik Trip will donate 10% of the sales to our organization.

This is an experiment – everyone needs gas and a few groceries. **We will be ordering from time-to-time.** If you would like any please call Heidi at 262-877-8565. The money raised from the sale will go toward scholarships.

Reminder ladies that no group signed up to do fundraising so it is on each one of us to do our part. If you or your club would like to promote an idea you need to:

1. Take idea to Executive Board and name FOR WHAT you are raising the $ for in HCE.
2. After approval, do the Fund Raiser and ask for help from everyone!

Heidi Nevoso

Clothing Exchange

We will be hosting another Community Clothing Exchange. We need your help for the set-up of tables, placement of the clothing on the tables, a snack table for those attending, check-in table, check out, and clean-up. **ALL OF THIS IS DONE ON THE DAY OF EVENT!!** We start at about noon on May 12th. If you can help in any way it would be appreciated. We need snacks to share so please consider even dropping one off.

We also need people to attend and bring clothing. This is a great event to invite anyone. Remember that all of the quarters collected will help our Wisconsin Bookworms™ project and the leftover clothing is distributed throughout the county of Kenosha. Come get some deals on the wonderful things you may find.

See the enclosed flyer for event details.

Thank you!
Heidi - Community Service

**2014 Style Show**

“It’s Raining Fashion” was held Sunday, April 27th at the Parkway Chateau. There were 120 HCE members, family and friends in attendance. Fashions were furnished by the Dress Barn.

Models included members of HCE and their friends and family. They were: Susan Aedo, Melissa Alexander, Melissa Bigelow, Leslie Dixon, Monica Flesch, Benita Hynes, Colleen Danitz-Koch, Natalie LaForge, Regina LaForge, Angela Nevoso, Charlotte Schroeder, and Kelsey Welter.

The event was hosted by the Country Cousins HCE Club, April Webb and Donna Zarovy.

We extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended and especially our fellow committee members.

After some discussion, we are suggesting that we might consider using another vendor in 2016. One idea we have tossed around is doing a “Goodwill sponsored” fashion show. Some of the shows are:

- Fashion through the Decades
- The First Ladies of Fashion (styles representative of 16 former first ladies)
The Allure of the Little Black Dress
Weddings of Yesterday

The do charge for their shows. Goodwill volunteers present an average of 65 vintage shows per year across southeastern Wisconsin. The shows provide entertainment and raise awareness of Goodwill's programs and services.

There are other stores at the outlet mall that also do shows as well as J C Penneys, so it's something to consider. Please give us your feedback. Thank you.

Julie Pringle & Donna Zarovy
Co-Chairs

2014 WAHCE Art Show

Kenosha County HCE no longer sponsors an art show. If you have any items you would like to enter for the 2014 WAHCE Art Show at the state conference, please contact me. In order to enter your item must have received a blue ribbon at the Kenosha County Fair in 2013 or another show.

Donna Zarovy

Fall Southeast District HCE Meeting in Kenosha

Mark your calendars! October 16, 2014, is the date for the Fall Southeast District Meeting to be held here in Kenosha County. If you have any ideas for educational programs, please contact the committee – members of the JJ’s (President, Pat Perks (537-4685) or and Crosstown Neighbors Heidi Nevoso, President, 877-8565

2014 Christmas Cookie Sale

Committee Report

The Good Neighbors Club presented a proposal to the Executive Board in February to discontinue the annual Christmas cookie sale fundraising effort in lieu of members making a flat donation to fund KCAHCE Scholarships.

Upon direction from the KCAHCE Executive Board, the Good Neighbors Club circulated a survey to all clubs regarding opinions. The survey results have been collected and then presented to the Executive Board and may be found below.

The topic will be placed on the September Fall Focus meeting agenda. Each club should designate two voting delegates to represent their club and vote at the September meeting.

If the decision is made to eliminate the sale, in place of this event, the Good Neighbors Club would like to try “something new” and will plan a cookie related social event where they will host a coffee/tea, “games” and a cookie exchange amongst those who attend [i.e., bring a dozen, go home with a dozen]. This event would take place on December 4th at the County Center when packing would normally occur. Based on the September final voting, arrangements will be made accordingly and flyers will be distributed in the October and November education program folders.

Margaret McCabe

The following comments were made in response to the Cookie Committee Survey:

- Most of our members were in favor of contributing the $25 instead of baking, but they didn’t want it to be mandatory – some may have to donate less as they couldn’t afford the $25. We may have to think about giving two $500 scholarships.

- We strongly feel participating in this annual fundraiser supports our mission to preserve and improve home & community life, promote the welfare of our boys and girls and service our homes and communities by allowing and encouraging us to spend time with our families in our homes and educating the community about our organization.

- The majority of members were in favor of some form of an amount, but not $25. Members of this club feel that some HCE members who do not bake or donate money, will not donate the amount set. Just let them give what they can afford or feel like donating.

- This is a great way for us to get our name out in the public view. We have many people hear what we are raising money for and they leave a donation and don’t take cookies – just give money for the cause. We enjoy the sale and cookie sorting and coming together as an organization to achieve a common goal. I haven’t baked in years but might forget to
donate. If money was collected at a club meeting or as part of dues I might remember.

- I don’t miss the $25 for cookies. I do miss the fun of helping pack cookies. It was always an educational and learning “fun” time with the different clubs and members. This program started (out) of the Christmas fair when we needed the money for scholarships: We do a silent auction here at our meeting.

- I spend more than $25 each year on ingredients alone, not to mention the time involved with baking, gas and time with sale. Public no longer has interest in buying homemade cookies, for sanitation reasons, allergies, etc. Too expensive for people to buy. We will miss the camaraderie around the sale. Have heard on many occasions (during packing and selling) members don’t want to participate and won’t participate in 2014+

- Many members buy their own cookies while packing or selling, so just donating $25 sounds great. Consideration should be given to host an evening to have HCE members only cookie exchange amongst ourselves. Clubs could bake for a local organization like Hospice or a nursing home or for Meals on Wheels” for the camaraderie.

- I think this is the best suggestion I have heard. I do hope everyone agrees to this. I think this is for the best. I hope everyone donates their $25, so we can keep scholarships.

- I feel it is time to make donation of $25. The ingredients are becoming more expensive. The older members don’t want to bake and younger members are busy with their school activities.

Total member count participating: ............................. 70
Number of members present at March meetings, participating in this survey ................................. 45
Number of members in favor of eliminating the Christmas Cookie Sale Fundraiser .................................. 38
Number of members that would like to continue the annual cookie sale ............................................. 20
Number of members in favor of contributing a suggested minimum of $25 each in lieu of baking ....... 51

**Fall Focus Dinner**

When:  September 25, 2014
Time:  5:30 Registration, 6 PM dinner
Where:  Kenosha County Center

The Kenosha County Center will be transformed into an Italian Bistro for the Fall Focus dinner on September 25th hosted by the Crosstown Neighbors and JJ’s HCE Clubs. Lots of fun entertainment is planned along with the White Elephant silent and live auctions.

Formal invitations will be sent to club presidents in August

**Highlights from the Southeast District Meeting in Fond du Lac**

Nine members from Kenosha County traveled to Fond du Lac County for the Spring Southeast District Meeting held at the LaClare Goat Farm. There were 81 district members in attendance.

Some highlights included:

**The Business Meeting:** The 2014 budget was presented. District dues for 2015 will be $2 per member.

**Officers:** The offices of District Director-Elect, Secretary, Cultural & Textile Arts, Membership and Marketing Chairs will be elected at the Fall District Meeting. Please consider representing Kenosha!

**HCE Banner:** Because of the redistricting, all of the districts are designing new banners. The SE District banner will include the HCE house logo and some words from the pledge with a blue background.

**International:** WAHCE International Chair, Jeanne Hlinak joined us. She explained a couple of the International projects and brought along the Chica Nica dresses made by the Nicaragua sewing centers and sold 20 of them!

**Educational Program:** Kathy Kelley from the Kelley Ice Cream Company spoke to our group. We were fascinated with the explanation about all the things she did to take her idea to have an ice cream store from inception to the actual store. It took several years! She attended the Ice Cream Institute at UW-Madison, did extensive market research, convinced her husband to give up a very productive farm field for her business, and created all kinds of flavors. She said last summer one day they sold
almost 800 waffle cones alone. They have recipes for over 265 varieties of ice cream!

LaClare Goat Farm: This family run operation has about 600 milking goats on two farms. They have won national and international awards for their goat cheese. There is a store at the farm where they sell cheeses, ice cream from Kelley’s and ice cream made from goat and cow’s milk, cheese, goat milk and other Wisconsin products. They were fantastic hosts!

Heidi Nevoso, 
Southeast District Director

WAHCE State Conference

The theme for the 2014 WAHCE State Conference is O’wl Always Be A HCE Member.

The conference will be held September 8-10 in Cable, Wisconsin. The information will be on the website: www.wahceinc.org in the next few days.

New for 2014 is a conference t-shirt. The design features the logo on a cream and brown shirt with brown writing.

There will be a bus. Right now Kenosha has eight seats reserved. Contact Donna at 857-1945 if you have any questions or would like a seat on the bus.

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Kenosha County HCE

Invites you and your family and/or friends to join in an evening of fun, food and games

When: Thursday, July 17th, 5:00 PM Eating around 5:30 (rain or shine)
Where: Hansen Park Pavilion, 18802 86th Street, Bristol, WI
What: Bring a dish to pass: Hot Dish, Salad, or Dessert Beverage and table service provided.

Please RSVP and maybe let us know what you’re planning to bring.

Call Heidi at 262-877-8565
Hope you’ll join us for an enjoyable evening!
Benefitting Local Charities and Wisconsin Bookworms™

Clean out your closets -- bring anything and everything such as:

- Jeans
- Shirts
- Boots
- Dresses
- Pants
- Pajamas
- Tops
- Snow gear
- Socks
- T-shirts
- Swimsuits
- Handbags
- Accessories
- All sizes accepted

Monday, May 12, 2014

Kenosha County Center, 19600 – 75th Street,
(Hwy 45 & 50) Bristol, WI

You must bring clothes to participate!
Clothes need to be in good shape with no holes or stains

You are encouraged to invite friends, but be sure everyone brings clothing!

Schedule:

5:30 – 7:00pm Arrive and lay out clothes. Please bring your clothing sorted by gender/size to make it quicker to display.

6:00 – 7:00pm Relax with the others while enjoying a snack.

7:00 – 7:45pm Silent auction on a few big items

7:00 – 8:00pm SHOP!!! All items sell for 25 cents!

Any extra clothing items will be given to local charities and schools. All quarters collected support Wisconsin Bookworms™ (Books are read and given to children in Kenosha County by HCE.)

Please call Heidi 262-877-8565 if you have any questions, donations or would be interested in helping. We hope to see you there!