



EXTENSION LINE

A Newsletter for the members of the Kenosha County Association for Home, Community & Education

February 2017

President's Letter

Happy New Year to Everyone!

We are now beginning our 66th year of Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education and the 100th Anniversary of Kenosha County UW-Extension. I am looking forward to 2017 with great optimism and hope for another great year.

From the Program Planning Committee to the By-Laws Revision Committee to the Cookie Committee, Scholarships, and Wisconsin Bookworms™ -- Kenosha HCE has a lot to be proud of! As our pledge states, "we pledge ourselves to work for the preservation and improvement of home and community life". In 2016 we did a lot of great things and have even better ones planned for 2017 – if that is possible.

Kenosha County has the second largest membership in the Southeast District at 82. Washington County has 84 members. There are now only eight counties in our district as Ozaukee has decided to disband. We have been a huge part of the HCE Southeast District and, most importantly, participate! Without participation from the counties, HCE would not prosper. Hats off to you all!

As you all know, our district is responsible for the 2018 WAHCE Conference. Chris Werner, my Conference Co-Chair, and I look forward to working with all of you and the other counties to plan a great conference. It will be held at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee (west of Milwaukee), so it will be easy for us to attend. I hope you have marked your calendars for September 17-19, 2018.

The Program Planning Committee has a great variety of programs, including a mystery tour in November. Mark your calendars! I hope more of you will attend the programs in 2017 – the speakers deserve our presence and you will walk away from the programs with just a little more knowledge to "strive for healthier minds and bodies, and better living".

I want to thank all of you! Whenever you are called you respond. That is truly something to be proud of. Have a great 2017!

*Donna Zarovy
2017 KCAHCE President*



2017 KCAHCE Executive Board

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Association Meeting

The 2017 Kenosha County Association Meeting is Thursday, January 26th at 6 pm. As in the past, we will have pizza starting at 5:30 – or bring your own dinner. If you want to have pizza, please let the UW-Extension office staff know. There will be a \$5 charge for pizza.

The agenda includes very informative reports from all of the 2016 Committees as well as the presentation of the 2017 budget and other items. Each club has two votes so we hope at least two from each club will attend. Anyone may attend and we hope you will!

The 2017 KCAHCE Officers will be installed that night. Join me in welcoming them and participate in their installation ceremony. Also, the 2016 officers will be retiring from the board. Please come and thank them for their service.

Program Books and scholarship forms will also be available that night.

*Donna Zarovy
2017 KCAHCE President*

Pennies for Friendship

Congratulations to KCAHCE Members. We donated over \$540 to the Pennies for Friendship campaign. That's the highest amount in our district and second in the state – Barron County donated about \$780.

Our funds went to Water for All, Heifer International, Ventures in People – Haiti, Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners, and undersigned funds.

Kudos to our members who made over 85 quiltlets for the Wisconsin Nicaragua quiltlet project. Hospital patients will now have a blanket.

Donna Zarovy



2017 WAHCE State Conference

“Here Comes Excitement in the Dells”



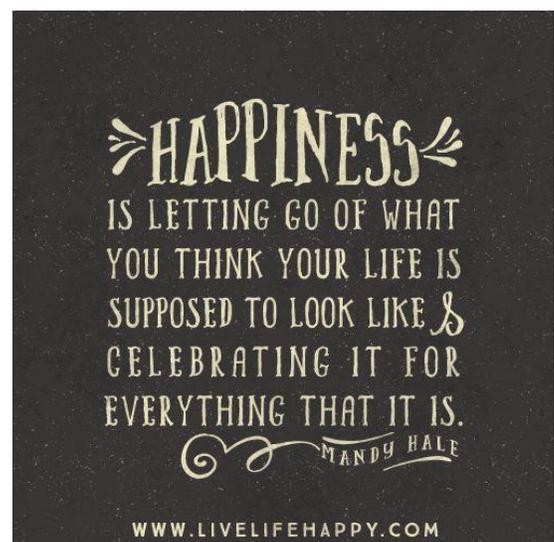
Southwest District HCE invites all HCE members and their friends to attend the 2017 WAHCE Annual Conference in Wisconsin Dells at the Glacier Canyon Lodge (part of the Wilderness Resort).

Mark the dates of September 11-13, 2017, to attend this conference. Tours and workshops are being planned with education and excitement in mind.

It's not too early to reserve your hotel rooms. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-867-9453 and tell them you are with the 2017 WAHCE Conference at the Glacier Canyon Lodge, room block # 539355.

Room rates are \$99.99 per room (double queen for 1-4 people) or \$139.99 for a two bedroom deluxe up to 7 people). They will charge your credit card for one night when you make your reservation. The room block will be released on August 11th.

Call Donna if you have any questions at 857-7502.





January 26	6 pm	Association Meeting	August 16-20	Kenosha County Fair
February 1	1 pm	“Cooking Shortcuts” with April Kvitek	September 15	Fall Focus Dinner Registrations Due to County Cousins HCE Club
February 27 – May 27		On the Move and In the Groove Reporting Period	September 28	Fall Focus Dinner, Parkway Chateau
March 1	1 pm	“How Good is Your Diet?” Nutrition for the Body with Kimberly Gwynne	October 3	10 am A five-hour adventure. We will carpool and have lunch at our destination. Moderate walking.
April 26	9 am	Southeast District Meeting in Jackson (Washington County)	October (TBA)	Southeast District Meeting in Waukesha County
April 27	5:30 pm	International Dinner on Sweden at the Women’s Club in Kenosha. Bristol Club are our hosts.	November 1	6 pm “Antiques - Is Grandma’s Teapot One?” Live antique appraisal event (public invited). There will be a slight fee for each item you want appraised.
May 1	6pm	“Test Your Talents” Craft Night, several members will share their crafts with us at various stations. Take home completed projects.	November 30	Cookie Packing
May 1		100 th Anniversary of Kenosha County UW-Extension	December 1	KCAHCE Cookie Sale
July 13	5:30 pm	KCAHCE Summer Picnic, Hansen Park, Bristol, WI		
August 15		Deadline for WAHCE State Conference Registration		



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Thank you to all of our wonderful HCE members! Without you we would have no scholarship fund! With your help, we baked over 158 pounds of cookies! Better yet, every location sold out! At last count, our grand total for this year's cookie sale was \$1600! If you haven't mailed in your check, no worries! Checks may always be sent to Chris Werner, or current treasurer, with a note that the payment is to be put towards the Educational Scholarship fund. We'd like to thank the numerous bakers, packers, sellers and those who donated for their time and energy to making this a great sale! Thank you!!!

Submitted by: Christmas Cookie Committee



AMAZON SMILE!!

Did you know that Kenosha County HCE has a unique AmazonSmile link that makes it easier for people to find and support our organization?

HCE's unique link is:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-6062657>

What does this unique link do?

When customers click on the organization's unique link, you skip the process to search for a charity to support among over 1 million eligible charities. Instead, you're taken to smile.amazon.com and are automatically asked if you want to support Kenosha County HCE.

Can I just tell supporters to search for my charity at smile.amazon.com?

Yes. However, that makes it harder for your supporters to find and select your organization. There are over 1 million eligible charities, and customers may end up picking a different organization during the selection process. Sharing your charity link increases the likelihood that customers will select your charity before they start shopping.

If someone is already supporting your organization and they click on your unique link, they will simply be taken to smile.amazon.com, so they can start shopping. They do not have to re-select your charity. If someone supporting a different charity clicks on your charity link, they are asked if they'd like to switch to support your organization.



WESTERN CENTER CHAIR REPORT

Country Cousins

Participated in the UW-Extension booth at the Healthy Living Fair held at YMCA. HCE Information was handed out to attendees.

Other Clubs:

There were no items to report from Crosstown Neighbors, The JJ's, Twilight Twenties or Good Neighbors.

*Submitted by Mary Ann Kennedy,
Western Center Chair*

EASTERN CENTER CHAIR REPORT

Bristol Club

A donation was made to Goodfellows.

Merry Makers

Sweatpants were collected and donated to the Brass Elementary School.

*Dorothy Merten
Eastern Center Chair*

How Did We Ever Think Dough Could Become Scholarships?

Story told by Mrs. Julie Pringle and recorded by Priscilla Kopczynski...

For many years, the Homemakers (as HCE was called prior to 1993) held a large Christmas Fair in Kenosha. The idea of the Christmas Fair was to show all the attendees new crafts, new recipes, and new ideas for decorating.

The Homemakers Christmas Fair was a huge undertaking in Kenosha County. Security men were paid. People stood in lines to get into the building. Clubs planned far ahead for this day.

Per the 1977 booklet, Homemakers had thirty-five clubs and over four hundred members. Each club had a responsibility for the Christmas Fair. What were these responsibilities you ask?

Some clubs would make a craft, such as a quilted placemat to exhibit. Other clubs would exhibit a beaded ornament, or perhaps a wall decoration. Other clubs might have a casserole, or a bundt cake cut open to show how pretty it was. Julie remembers specifically one craft that was made with garland, tiny ornaments, and the plastic six-ring-holders from packs of soda. Another was a votive made with broken glass. Each member was asked to bake cookies.

None of the crafts exhibited were for sale. The idea was to convince women and men that they could cook for their families, could make crafty decorations, could sew for themselves. Each club had to send the directions for their craft or food to one central club for publication. That club had to type all the directions and have copies printed for the event.

Upon entering the building, a free booklet of all the directions for crafts and recipes for the foods was given to each person in attendance. With the booklet in hand, people could wander and look at the crafts and foods. Imagine having women explain each detail of the instructions as you look at the item or food. This was a great concept.

But wait! There was even more to the day. Mrs. Helen Sakalowski was always dressed as Mrs. Santa Claus and presented little gifts to children in attendance. Each year, a different club decorated the large Christmas tree. Other clubs would place the donated cookies on plates. Three cookies per plate were given to attendees. Yes, you read that correctly! Every person who attended was given three free cookies.

At the end of the event, the cookies that were not given away were sold. Julie remembers long lines of people waiting to purchase the delicious homemade cookies. To illustrate how success of the cookie sale (and this is after the free cookie give-away), eighteen scholarships ranging from \$20 to \$500 were given in 1977, all paid from the cookie line-up.

Years passed, and the concept of a craft fair became popular with more and more organizations. The attendance at the Homemakers Christmas Fair was dwindling at the same time that the cost of security was increasing. Even the biggest draw – the plates of cookies for sale – wasn't bringing enough attendees.

Discussions in the county agreed that the Christmas Fair had to end. But the cookies – all those yummy cookies – could continue to be sold to raise moneys for our local scholarships. And thus we began our tradition of selling cookies to help the college dreams of young people. Thanks to all the women who were willing to spend a day explaining a craft idea, or a delicious baked recipe, who created our annual Christmas cookie sale.

Priscilla Kopczynski will write human interest stories, such as this one, with each publication of the Extension Line. If you have a story that needs to be told, please contact Priscilla. 262.857.7707.

*"Life is either a daring
adventure or nothing"*

- Helen Keller -

Association Assistant



I would like to introduce you to the new Co-Association Assistant, Priscilla Kopczynski! She will be an incredible replacement working alongside Donna Zarovy. The two will make sure you are updated on all the upcoming HCE events, handle paperwork and prepare information to be distributed at Education Programs. Please know how hard

they work to ensure directories are current, program books are complete and Education Programs are set up and run without a hitch. Thank you for allowing me to assist in this position for the past couple of years. I know Donna and Priscilla will be a great team!

Submitted by: April Kvitek

Historian

For those of you that take pictures and attend HCE events regularly, I would like to ask that you make an extra copy of these photos, even if it is on regular paper. These photos are the record of our events and members, which will then be kept in our HCE photo albums. I would appreciate any newspaper articles you may have about any of our members as well. Thank you for your help in creating a full and complete representation of all the good that HCE and our fabulous members to in our community!



Submitted by: April Kvitek



SAVE THE DATE – INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Bristol Club is hosting the International Dinner and invites all to save the Date of Thursday, April 27, 2017 for an evening of good food and visiting with good friends.

Watch for more information at the Winter Association Meeting in January.

From the Secretary's Desk...

Information for all to know:

- The Clothing Exchange raised \$158 for Wisconsin Bookworms®. Many thanks to the women who planned the event and worked that evening.
- Our Fall Focus speaker, Officer Ray Rowe, was interesting for everyone. Over \$400 was raised through the auction for our scholarship fund. One club asks that baskets are smaller and more affordable for next year. But, of course, each club can donate baskets in any way they wish.
- Merry Makers donated sweatpants to Frank Elementary School students.
- Good Neighbors, with Country Cousins, participated in the Adopt a Family Christmas project.
- Mary Ann Kennedy distributed HCE brochures at the YMCA Healthy Living Fair in November.
- The JJ's are donating to Marleigh's Ministries and also collecting for Pennies for Friendship.
- New members include Amy Shackelford and Jody Denny.
- Committees are assigned/designated for 2017. Names of possible help should be given to board members at any time.
- Upcoming dates:
 - April 27, 2017, the International Dinner at the Women's Club in Kenosha.
 - September 28, 2017, Fall Focus Dinner at the Parkway Chateau in Bristol.
 - April 22, 2018, Style Show at the Parkway Chateau in Bristol.

*Respectfully Submitted Priscilla Kopczynski
Executive Board Secretary*





Calendar of Events

February

- 1st Educational Program; Cooking Shortcuts – Kenosha County Center, 1:00 p.m.
- 9th Executive Board Meeting – Kenosha County Center, 5:30 p.m.

March

- 1st Dues & International Monies due to Association Treasurer
- 8th Educational Program; How Good is Your Diet? Nutrition for the Body – Kenosha County Center, 1:00 p.m.

April

- 6th Executive Board Meeting – Kenosha County Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 10th Extension Line Articles Due
- 26th Southeast District Meeting, Jackson (Washington County), Wisconsin
- 27th International Dinner, Women’s Club – Kenosha, Wisconsin, 5:30 p.m.

May

- 3rd Educational Program; “Craft Night” with different craft sessions you can make and take!

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