



Dunn County Association for Home & Community Education

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*My favorite weather is bird-chirping
weather.* -Terri Guillemets

Words from Your President:

Okay, here I go....guess you will see a “different” look to our newsletter this month. I had to get my laptop updated, and in this process everything is looking really different and I have to teach myself to learn all the new stuff! May have to reinvent the wheel this time around!

I can’t believe it is almost the end of June already, as we have only had a few weeks of nicer weather. The lawn is growing, the flowers are blooming, and gardens are taking shape so I guess summer is here!

Since our last newsletter, we held International Night, which was an enjoyable evening. About 25 attendees were entertained by the three UW-Stout students from Pakistan, as well as tasting some interesting foods from their country. They commented the food was good, but they are used to it being more spicy!

Our Spring Fling was once again well attended, and we awarded a deserving student with a scholarship, presented membership certificates, as well as recognized Bookworm readers. The meal was great, and we also had many beautiful donations to our auction; the proceeds being sent to Ventures in People. Our speaker from the Master Gardeners gave us some great container gardening and fairy garden tips.

Our next activity is the used book sale at the Dunn County Fair on July 24th through the 28th. Please bring your good, used books to the sale and also donate your time to help when called. Thank you!

Most clubs are winding down a little for the summer, with some taking tours, and hosting summer picnics. Please enjoy these times and recharge with relaxation and sunshine!

Happy 4th of July holiday to all and see you at the fair!

Chris



Wisconsin Bookworms

The Elk Meadow HCE Club gave \$1018 to the bookworms program this spring. Because of their generosity, many children that have English as a second language will have the opportunity to own their own set of books and develop healthy reading habits for life.

Thank you to Elk Meadow for your generous support. And as the committee chair for bookworms, I challenge each of the rest of the clubs to meet or exceed that amount.

I wish to thank all of you for your support, monetary, saving books, reading, helping out at the fair, and buying used books. Remember the Dunn County Fair is July 24-28th. If asked to help, please don't say no. We will start setting up on Tuesday, the 23rd at 9:00 am, and Wednesday, the 24th at 1:00 pm.

The new school year of 2019-2020 will soon be here. New little faces with lots of excitement will be ready to be read to and receive a new book. This is a worthwhile program appreciated by the children, parents and teachers. I haven't seen the new list of books, but I am sure they will be as nice as usual. I know the readers will be glad to start reading because they all enjoy reading to the children.

I wish to thank all of the readers from this last year for the dedication to Wisconsin Bookworms.

*Nancy Doane
Bookworms Coordinator*

SPRING FLING NOTES

We had attendance of 49 at the Spring Fling, which included our Master Gardener guest speaker Laura Cragin, her granddaughter and the Scholarship recipient and her parents.

Several great items were donated by the clubs for our Ventures in People silent auction. Members also donated for the food pantry both monetary and food items.

We want to thank the committee members for organizing this event, the cooks for the wonderful meal, and all the members for their years of dedication to HCE. We awarded many certificates for Bookworms readers as well as recognition for membership.

Scholarship Recipient

The Scholarship recipient this year was Kayla Bridges, from Elk Mound High School. She will be receiving a \$500 scholarship from Dunn County HCE.

WAHCE State Conference

We are making plans to attend the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education State Conference in Manitowoc on September 16-18th, 2019.

If anyone has items to donate to Nicaragua, please be sure to get to a board member **before** our September board meeting which is on September 9th.

Items that they are looking for: Sewing machines in full working order, sewing supplies such as needles, thread, fabric. Craft items and craft projects.

They also will take ball gloves, and other sports items.

Strong Bones LTM

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Strong Bones meeting on Monday, Sept. 23rd. Reminder: we are holding this meeting at the Shirley Doane Senior Center!

Feel free to bring your friends and neighbors also! Registration information is located at the back of this newsletter.

Presidents Meeting

Make sure you put the date of Tuesday, October 8th on your calendars. Club representatives will be meeting at 7 pm at the Community Services Building, Rm. 101 to plan your agenda for 2020! Talk about subjects you would like to see addressed next year and send your list along with your club President to this meeting.

October Special Interest Meeting

"Senior Safety" is the topic for your meeting this month. Plan to join in for this meeting on Monday, October 28th, at 1:00 pm. Bring your friends and neighbors as well.

Club Dues and Membership

I know it seems early to be thinking of this now, but fall will be here before you know it. This is a good time to invite potential new members to your summer activities such as your picnic.

In addition, please don't say no if asked to serve as an officer of your club, or the county when approached. Many of those currently serving have done so for many years, and it is good to have new people and new ideas in our county!

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Club Notes

East Center

By Julia Woodford

CEDARLINGS:

April: Cultural Arts: Julia shared information about Spotlight Night at Colfax put on by the students.

Safety: Joyce shared the need to watch out for bicycles, skateboards and motorcycles. She also spoke about the fire at Notre Dame. Many of the artifacts in the building cannot be replaced.

International: Melanie led a discussion about the recent measles outbreaks. Many children are no longer being vaccinated.

Rita discussed the topic of unwanted phone calls. Scams are being targeted to seniors. She also shared information about pickle juice benefits.

We are being asked to bring an item to the Spring Fling for a silent auction, proceeds to Ventures in People, each member to bring an item for a gardening theme.

May: Our club picnic was held at Julia's home. It was a beautiful day. All members plus to husbands were able to attend. Potential member Vicki Maves also joined us.

North Center

By Geri Bates

POPPLE CREEK:

April: REAL Saturday was attended by 13 members, nine from our club, all enjoyed making the deco mesh wreaths and greeting cards. Discussed recipes for International Night; several members are planning to attend.

Member registrations for Spring Fling were collected and ready to mail.

We are finishing up reading form Bookworms, Lana is reading in

April, Karen in May, and Chris rescheduled for May as well, due to a snow day.

We were reminded to wear sunscreen while working and playing outdoors to avoid issues with cancer, etc.

Maureen read some interesting gardening tips and handed out "garden markers" made from a recycled mini blind.

Members were reminded to save good used books for the Dunn County Fair. The Colfax Fair is June 20-23rd.

We also scheduled our summer picnic for August 4th.

May: Ten of our members attended the Spring Fling. We had a good meal and a nice presentation by a Master Gardener on fairy gardens and small space ideas.

Workers for the fair were discussed, North Center is scheduled for Thursday this year. Any help to set up for the sale is greatly appreciated.

We will be delivering several boxes of items for Nicaragua when we attend the NW District meeting on May 16th. Items being sent are sewing and craft supplies, and 15 homemade diapers. Lana will be taking over the secretary position when Chris moves.

Alaine shared some special information about the Healing Place in Eau Claire.

Members reminded about the summer picnic at Woodtick Park on Sunday, August 4th at 1:00.

TAINTER:

May: Rose and Yoon attended REAL Saturday and showed us the beautiful wreaths they made.

Teresa, Marge, Rose, Mary Ellen and Dorothy attended International Night on April 24.

They shared the information on Pakistan with us. Rose, Marge, and Betty attended Spring Fling on May 1st.

Edna received a 60 year certificate as a member of HCE. Rose, Teresa and Betty received an appreciation certificate for reading for Bookworms. We also enjoyed a nice meal.

Rose reminded us of the Garden Tour on June 29. Dorothy is planning our club tour in August. Marge reminded us to bring our used books to our annual picnic, which will be held at Lloyd and Betty Rieks home on June 13.

West Center

By Rosalie Werner

WEST CENTER NOTES:

Our Center will be working at the used Book Sale at the Dunn County Fair on Friday, July 26 as follows:

Ideal – 10 am – 2 pm

Palmer – 2 pm – 6 pm

Weber Valley – 6 pm – 10 pm

Rosalie available to work this shift, Need at least one more person.

PALMER

May: Members were reminded about the used book sale at the fair. We will be making Fidget Blankets at the June meeting. Cindy Bednar from Mayo Clinic Health Systems shared information with us on services available on palliative and hospice care.

WEBER VALLEY:

May: We will hold our annual picnic at Butternut park on Monday, July 8th.

IDEAL:

May: Meeting held at home of Becky Kneer. Elaine attended the International Night. Discussed who would work at the used book sale at the Dunn County Fair on July 24-28th.

September Leader Training Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2019
2:00 pm
@
Shirley Doane Senior Center

Instructor: Community Engagement & Wellness Specialist Tina Tharp

This class is designed for middle-aged and older women and men. Instruction includes activities to build strength and improve flexibility and balance.

September Leader Training
“Strong Bones”
Monday, September 23, 2019
2:00 pm
Shirley Doane Senior Center
1412 6th Street E, Menomonie

Name _____

Phone _____

Club _____

Call the Extension office at **715-232-1636** or email mbachand@co.dunn.wi.us to register for this class.