

Dunn County Association for Home & Community Education



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Quality means doing it right when no one is looking. -Henry Ford

Words from Your President:

Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas with your families. I wish you health and happiness in 2020.

Thank you to those who attended the Holiday Tea. We had a pretty good turnout and a successful silent auction to benefit our Bookworms project. A huge thank you to those of you who helped and donated to this event.

We are saddened to hear that the Palmer Club of the West Center decided to disband. Palmer was a successful and vibrant club for quite a while. They contributed much to their community, county and state organizations. We will miss you, Palmer! Palmer members, please let me know if you are interested in joining another club in our county or if you would like to continue as an individual member

Looking forward, we have some interesting and fun events coming up. Please plan to attend or at least make sure some of your club members attend and report back to their clubs. *Rosalie* CALENDAR OF EVENTSJan 20 Board Mtg Rm 100Mar 16Jan 27 Psych of Money & BudgetMar 21Feb 24 Preplanning FuneralMar 21

Mar 16 Board Mtg Rm 100 Mar 21 R.E.A.L. Saturday



Wisconsin Bookworms

Bookworms start the new year out with the book *The First Day of Winter*, which sure is a fitting book! With this book, there are five left to read, all very nice books. The children enjoy to be read to and especially enjoy receiving a new book eight months of the school year.

I wish to thank Christie Pittman for the idea to sell the Christmas books that were leftover from the used book sale at the fair at our Holiday Tea. It went over very well and all the books were sold. Also, thanks for the silent auction that went well too. Again, I thank all of you for supporting this worthwhile program. It shows the children how enjoyable and important reading is. Without the dedication of the readers, grants, money from clubs, individuals, and the used book sale. our Bookworms Program couldn't succeed. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely, Nancy Doane

2020 WAHCE STATE CONFERENCE

The 2020 State Conference will be held at Hudson on the second week of September. A boat ride on the St. Croix river and a dinner theater at the Hudson House are planned. Chippewa and Dunn Counties are responsible for table favors for Tuesday's meals. There will be a t-shirt for the 80th anniversary of the organization. Speakers on bladder control, hemp and balance or yoga are planned.

JANUARY SPECIAL INTEREST MEETING. "PSCHOLOGY OF MONEY"

Adrian Klenz is a certified financial counselor through The Association for Financial Counseling, Planning, and Education (AFCPE). He is the founder of Klenz Financial Counseling. Adrian has been providing financial counseling, coaching, and education for the last decade. He is also the Executive Director for The Reach Foundation.

Adrian will be presenting "The Psychology of Money: What Lies Beneath." This presentation explores our relationship to money and the psychology that is behind how we use money. The second part of the presentation explores budgeting strategies to start the process of better money management skills.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL INTEREST "PRE-PLANNING A FUNERAL

Pre-Planning your funeral will be held at Sampson 's Funeral Home, Railroad Ave., Colfax, WI at 1:00 on Monday, February 24. A member of the specially trained staff will meet with you to answer your questions and guide you through the process. Along with the discussion, prices will also be addressed. We hope to see you there.

R.E.A.L Saturday, Mar. 21

(which stands for Relax Enjoy And Learn). We have a fun lineup of activities: Making hanging succulent with Julia; Beadmaking from paper; Cards with Geri; and Healthy Eating sessions. Details still need to be finalized. A separate email will be coming with a registration form.

RE: HCE CLUB MINUTES

Please submit your club minutes to Center Chair. What you do in your club gives others ideas for speakers and activities in their clubs. Your community donations and volunteering encourages others to volunteer and make donations. We all need new ideas to keep our clubs relevant, welcoming, serving our communities and fun!

Club Notes

East Center By Julia Woodford ELK MEADOW

Oct: EM HCE collected clothing for the Mounder Closet at EM Elementary. Several members completed pillowcases filled with adult and children's items to be donated to Bridge to Hope.

Nov: Food collected with items to supply 2 Thanksgiving meals donated to local food pantry. Each member contributed 2 items. Members signed up for serving in 2020 and current officers agreed to continue in 2020 as well. It was agreed to have afternoon meetings in Jan and Feb 2020.

Dec: Several members attended Holiday Tea on Dec 7. Our club Christmas party was held on Dec 11 with and excellent program by Normetta. Music provided by the 3-5th grade choir from EM Elementary.

North Center By Geri Bates **POPPLE CREEK**:

Oct: Quilt made for funeral home was well received and the article/phot made front page in the Colfax messenger!

Program for Strong Bones can also be found on YouTube by typing in strong bones on the site.

Club Christmas party will be held on Dec 1 5pm at Exit 45 backroom. Members asked to bring 2 \$1 gifts as prizes for games.

Members signed up to read at Head Start. It will be held on 3rd Weds at 10:15am. Activity sheets are on WAHCE website (wahceince.org). Discussed the upcoming Holiday Tea. The quilts tied at last month's meeting were taken to Social Services and were graciously received.

Nov: We talked about the programs chosen for next year's Leader Training and Special Interest meetings; also REAL Saturday.

Kathy has received more donations of fabric that will be used to make more quilts in 2020. We are looking forward to more community projects for next year.

Our Christmas party will be at Exit 45 on December 2.

WEST CENTER by Rosalie **PALMER**

Nov: Program featured Margie Hagaman from the League of Women Voters as speaker on Women's Suffrage Movement. Responsibilities for Holiday Tea were discussed. Cindy Quilling will check on tickets for MTG production of "The Snow Queen" on December 15. Sandy Gerth's memorial gift money will be used to purchase tickets.

Dec: Members attended the MTG play "The Snow Queen" followed by dinner at Perkins.

Those who attended the Holiday Tea shared with the group the success of an excellent tea.

By a vote of 10 yes -1 no -2abstentions, Palmer HCE has voted to disband as group within the Home, Community Education organization. Treasurer Vickie Husby will return \$20 to each member, send an additional \$50 to Bookworms, and send the remaining treasury balance to Stepping Stones.

WEBER VALLEY

Sept: At our July picnic, meeting was changed to Bea Gasteyer's new house. Bring white elephant for silent auction fundraiser. No one was able to attend International night. Since member Carol Starr has moved, Kathy Rupakus will be our pop-top collector, set up spread sheet and bring them to McDonalds for donation.

Oct: Kathy gave presentation on collecting pop tops for Ronald McDonald House. We have almost 6 lbs saved. We voted to donate money for 2 sets of books for Bookworms. In Nov we will meet earlier to make our recycled centerpiece for the Holiday Tea. Please bring decorations, beads, ribbons, bows, Christmas cards etc. to meeting.

Nov: Collected raffle money, tickets, pennies and dues. Reminder to keep track of volunteer hours; for example, hostessing and time spent. Suggestion to start documenting collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House: Pictures. amount collected, how it helps. Our Christmas Party will be on Monday Dec 9th at noon at The Longbranch. Bring a dish to pass, 2 dozen cookies for Shutins, a gift to pass, \$10 for HCE member, \$5 for non-member.

January Leader Training "Psychology of Money and Budget" Monday, January 27, 2020 1:00 pm Dunn County Community Services Bldg (Old Dunn County Healthcare Center)

Adrian Klenz of Klenz Financial Planning will be the presenter

Please plan to attend or send representatives from your club. Thanks!

Name_____

Phone_____

Club_____

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

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February Leader Training "Pre-planning a Funeral" Monday, February 24, 2020 1:00 pm Sampson Funeral Home

Dan Duffenbach, Funeral Director will be the presenter Please plan to attend or send representatives from your club. Thanks!

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Club_____

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For this off-site event, you may want to set up carpool within your club and community.