



*Dunn County
Association for Home &
Community Education*



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*Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's
about learning how to dance in the rain*

- Author Vivian Green

President Note:

Hi Everyone!

Hope you and your families are well and keeping safe from COVID-19! My mom is 93 and safely in Autumn Village enjoying her life. We visit outside once or twice a week and have lots of phone calls and Facetime visits with my brother in NJ.

We did have an HCE board meeting hosted by Julia d'Angelo-Woodford in her backyard. It was glorious to see everyone and much easier to do HCE business. Thank you, Julia, for hosting and for the delicious food and beverage. So fun with business done!

On a more serious note, due to COVID-19 we have had to cancel our get togethers and fundraisers. We still need money to support our scholarship account. So, we will still have our raffle tickets for the quilt and the \$100 meat certificate. Please, please sell (or buy) your tickets. This is all we have right now.

Do not know what the next few months have in store. We will need to decide if we have the Christmas Tea and if we can hold any get togethers at all this year. The Menomonie Senior Center is closed indefinitely until it can be given the go-ahead by the county to open safely. We will keep you informed through the board members. We have every club represented on the board except for Baxterville. And, Baxterville, we would love to have a representative on the HCE board from your club. We will make a place for you.

**IF YOU OR A MEMBER YOU KNOW HAS
EMAIL AND IS NOT RECEIVING THE
NEWSLETTER, CONTACT ROSALIE!**

Rosalie 😊

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August Board Meeting - tba



It's very hard writing this newsletter with the COVID-19 pandemic because of so much uncertainty. There is so much controversy on what to do but with the states shut down again and our country having more cases, I guess staying at home, wearing masks, staying six feet apart, and not going in crowds are all very important steps. Not only do we have that to worry about, it's the shape our country is in at this time. I wish I could find something else to talk about except doom and gloom.

Our book program will go on but with a few changes. We will read the last three books to the children this coming school year, which we were unable to read because of the school being closed this spring. Because of not knowing if we would have funds to order books for 2020-2021 school year, our board thought that would be a good idea. Without the fair and our book sale and clubs not meeting, we were unsure about funding the program. We had some money but not enough and with such uncertainty, we wondered if we would be able to read to the children.

I wish to thank everyone for their great support for Bookworms; those that read, donated books, and donated funds. Without all of you, our book program wouldn't be a

success. Hope we will get back to some kind of normal and we can go back to our meetings and events soon. Nancy Doane

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

As with most service organizations, we have been losing members. It is difficult for younger people to fit the time commitments into their schedules. Let me explain the current financial situation.

Over the past 5 years, we have lost 26 members. Membership dues are \$7 per member. Of that, \$5 goes to the State HCE, \$0.40 goes to the NW District HCE, and \$1.60 stays with the Dunn County HCE. Losing 26 members results in about a \$40 loss of revenue from memberships. That is not too much. However, it also results in a loss in raffle ticket sales that amounts to about \$130.

We have also lost revenue from the Autumn Fair and Craft Show. This was discontinued in 2016. The event was becoming more and more work with fewer and fewer members attended. The lost revenue from that event amounts to about \$400.

To address our long-term financial security, the Executive Board is looking for \$600 in new revenue

and/or budget cuts. We are looking at reducing Executive Board State Conference reimbursements. We are looking at increasing dues – or leaving dues as is and asking those who can afford it to include an extra \$3 for our Bookworms and Scholarship accounts. We are looking at adding another fundraiser such as a Fall Festival.

We are also hoping for increases in voluntary donations. Many clubs and individuals make regular donations to Bookworms. These voluntary donations cover over half the cost of the Bookworms program. We want to start acknowledging donations and who they are meant to honor or remember. They will be listed in our newsletters. This newsletter includes all donations that have been received so far this year. Please consider honoring someone with a donation to either Bookworms or the Scholarship Fund. Any amount is welcome. Margaret Breisch

This too shall pass – Persian saying

2020 WAHCE STATE CONFERENCE

The WAHCE Board has taken into consideration the seriousness of COVID-19 and has decided that the 2020 WAHCE State Conference will be cancelled.

SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

Just a heads up – North Center will be hosting the 2021 SDM. That includes us.

I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now - Etienne de Grellet

2020 DUNN COUNTY HCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee (Jayette Giere, Alaine Sonneberg, Rosalie Werner) has decided to award the \$500 to Emma Levendowski from Menomonie High School this year. Emma plans to attend UW-Stout this fall. The Board has approved this award. A certificate of award and a letter of instruction will be sent to Emma.

- DON'T FORGET - HCE IS ON FACEBOOK!

If you are on Facebook, please look up HCE Dunn County and give it a “like”. It will contain event information and pictures. This Newsletter will also be available on this FB page. Thank you to Michelle at the Extension Office for all your help and expertise on Facebook.

HCE CLUB NOTES

Please submit your club minutes to your Center Chair. Some of you send minutes directly to Rosalie. That’s ok, too. What you do in your club gives others ideas for speakers and activities in their clubs. Your community donations and volunteering may encourage 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

CEDARLINGS

Our club has not met since February due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our regular meetings take place at the Leisure Center that closed in March before our March meeting.

Julia D'Angelo Woodford is planning to host an outdoor club picnic in late July. It will be at her home. There will be plenty of space for all the recommended social distancing.

ELK MEADOW

Like most of the other clubs, we have not met since March due to the pandemic. Members have been keeping in touch with phone calls, secret pals and some virtual visits.

West Center By Rosalie

WEBER VALLEY

We do not usually meet in the

summer. We still plan to have our annual picnic in Butternut Park in Elmwood on Monday July 13. It will be nice to see everyone – at a safe distance, of course.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY
WE CAN SAVE THE HUMAN RACE BY LYING IN FRONT OF THE TV AND DOING NOTHING
LET'S NOT SCREW THIS UP!
Facebook

Get to Know Your HCE Board Members:

- Rosalie Werner – President
- Vice President – **vacant**
- Secretary – **vacant**
- Treasurer – Margaret Breisch
- VP for Programs
Alaine Sonnenberg
- VP Family & Community Outreach – June Bradford
- International & Citizenship
Valerie Johnson
- Marketing/Membership
Christie Pittman
- Historian – Elaine Villeneuve
- WI Bookworms – Nancy Doane

Area Chairmen:

- North – Geri Bates and Rosalind Wyndveen
- West – **vacant**
- East – Julia d’Angelo-Woodford

Can anyone that can help fill the vacant positions? It is difficult for any organization to run without everyone pitching in.



Special Thank you for your generosity

Donations Made to Bookworms:

December 2019

Debra Anderson
Lana Anderson
In honor of Nancy Doane
Palmer HCE
Cedarlings HCE
In honor of Rita Kothlow

January 2020

Geri Bates
Margaret McCabe

April 2020

Baxterville HCE
Nancy Doane
In honor of birthdays for Janet Creaser, Elaine Villeneuve and Virginia Grohn

June 2020

Elk Meadow HCE
In memory of former member Sharon Stone
Virginia Grohn
In memory of Sharon Stone

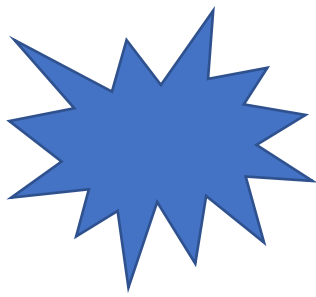
Donations Made to the Scholarship Fund:

May 2020

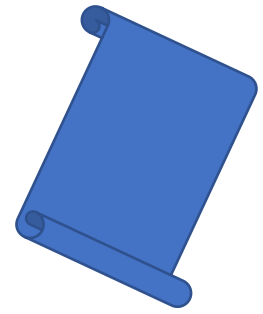
Margaret Breisch
In memory of Fred Breisch

June 2020

Maureen Scott
In memory of her mother Eva Linneman



HCE MEMBERSHIP Recognition 2020



60 Years

Nadine Schlough, Ideal

55 Years

Faye Swenson, Ideal

50 Years

Rita Kothlow, Cedarlings

40 Years

Virginia Grohn, Elk Meadow
Cynthia Sampson, Elk Meadow
Becky Kneer, Ideal

35 Years

Lynn Dummer, Elk Meadow
Rhonda Jenson, Elk Meadow
Charlet Keenlyne, Weber Valley
Mary Ellen Solberg, Tainter
Lila Welch, Weber Valley

30 Years

Nancy Berg, Popple Creek
Delores Faulkner, Elk Meadow
Juliann Janota, Cedarlings

25 Years

Sandra Barth, Elk Meadows
Peggy Krueger, Popple Creek
Alaine Sonnenberg, Popple Creek

20 Years

Connie Curtis, Popple Creek

25 Years

Karla Cahill Weber Valley
Maxine Hintzman Ideal
Marge McCabe Tainter
Bonnie McCaffrey Weber Valley

10 Years

Melissa Gilgenbach Baxterville
Debra Stewart, Caddie Woodlawn
Dominique Stewart,
Caddie Woodlawn
Vickie Jess, Cedarlings

MORE THAN 50 YEARS!

Years

Geri Bates, Popple Creek	56
Betty Beguhn, Cedarlings	71
Laura Boesl, Baxterville	51
Nancy Doane, Elk Meadow	61
Bea Gasteyer, Weber Valley	67
Clarice Groepper, Ideal	62
Nancy Johnson, Popple Creek	63
Barbara Schumacher, Elk Meadow	58
Marilyn Score, Baxterville	62
Elaine Sunby Tainter	61
Elaine Villeneuve, Ideal	52
Edna Wilsey Tainter	61

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS SINCE 2019

Caddie Woodlawn
Franki Larrabee
Jacquie Scheffler

Elk Mound
Vicki Maves

Weber Valley
Felecia Harnisch

NEW MEMBERSHIP AND MEMORIALS

We would like to highlight new members by a little biography and picture in the newsletter.

Also, if you would like a memorial in the newsletter, email a picture and small obit.

Take portraits of your members (with their permission). Contact Rosalie for any submissions: wernerr@uwstout.edu.