



*Dunn County  
Association for Home &  
Community Education*



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I wish you a healthy and happy 2023.

A few changes in 2023. I am stepping down as Dunn County HCE President. As of now, we do not have a new president, but hope to have this resolved soon. It is time for new leadership. I will continue to be part of the board as past president and perhaps something like a Communication Chair and continue to produce the newsletter and make sure our Facebook page is kept up to date. We will have to see what they decide to call me.

Sad to report that our Caddie Woodlawn Club is disbanding as of January 1. I realize many of our members are unable to attend meetings due to health issues, taking care of loved ones, and other commitments. Hopefully, we attract new members to continue our mission of community service, friendship and camaraderie.

Well, thank you for putting up with me these past few years. It certainly has been my pleasure to serve you as president. I will certainly be around to support the new president.

Also, we are grateful to our wonderful Nancy Doane for serving as our Bookworms Chair for so many years. We are now thankful to have Normetta Hurlburt agree to take over the Bookworms Chair position.

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*If you think you can – or if you think you can't  
.....you're right!     Henry Ford*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Board Meeting – tba**

**February 28, 1pm “ADRC Services for Seniors” Rm 60 Gov Serv Bldg**

**March 15 – R.E.A.L. Saturday, Government Center Room 50 9am-12noon**

**April (date & time tba) International Night -**

**May 4, Thursday, 5pm SPRING FLING, Dean & Sues**

**Happy New Year Everyone!** It came too fast for me. I hope all your wishes come true and you have a productive and healthy New Year.

You will have a new Bookworm Coordinator, Normetta Hurlburt. She is a member of the Elk Meadow HCE. Normetta will be a great member on the board and is a very active HCE member. She is a hard worker and very willing to step in and help.

This will be my last letter as a Bookworm Coordinator. I have enjoyed it because I believe reading is very important in our lives and children should be given the opportunity to read at a young age. In some cases, they might not have many books of their own; but this program gives children the chance to have their own books to keep, read and enjoy.

Remember to save your used books for our book sale at the fair. Monetary donations are welcome.

Thank you for supporting this great program. Nancy Doane

### RAFFLE REPORT

Thank you to the clubs and individuals who donated the Raffle baskets and porch pots. There was a lot of confusion and we did not get a list of the donors. But thank you all for your generosity. It was such fun to give out ten prizes for the raffle.

We did net \$566 for the raffle and silent auction combined. Vicki

Maves and Geri Bates each sold 9 books of tickets and are thus tied for selling the most tickets. Prize will be awarded at a future board meeting.

### Raffle Winners:

Dort Lee - Quilt

Judy Dieter - \$100 Meat Certificate

Julia D’Angelo Woodford - 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Basket

Virginia Grohn - Drink/Jerky Basket

Becki Kneer - Menomonie Basket

Janine Thull - Porch Pot #1

Geri Bates - Porch Pot #2

James Stewart - Meat/Cheese Basket

Baxterville Club - Plaid Basket

Mary Howard - Hot Chocolate Basket



10 Raffle Prizes!



James Stewart won a basket!

### HOLIDAY TEA REPORT

The Holiday Tea was a fun get together. Luckily, the weather was decent. We had 31 attendees who enjoyed coffee, tea, punch, cookies, cheese/crackers, etc. Nadine Schlough played Christmas Carols on the piano while members

visited and bid on our 22 silent auction items. We were entertained by the musicians and singers arranged by Margaret Breisch. Julia D’angelo Woodford gave a background story on each Christmas Carol before we all sang together. The silent auction was successful with proceeds going towards the room rental and scholarship fund.

Thank you for the beautiful centerpieces and cookies donated by each club.



Setting up the treats



22 Silent Auction Items



Holiday Tea Entertainment!



Thank you Nadine!

## **CLUB NOTES**

### **NORTH CENTER**

Ideal-Nov. The club met and the majority of the meeting was spent on sharing and confirming details for the Holiday Tea on December 10. Additional information was shared regarding the January gathering with members' spouses/partners at a local restaurant and also discussion took place regarding the Spring Fling.

Popple Creek – Oct. We discussed the Holiday Tea. The executive board attendees planned the day to be held on Dec. 10. Our club is to bring 4 dozen cookies, and paper supplies for the tea. North will do the cleanup. Each member was encouraged to bring something for the silent auction. We will also have a raffle basket valued of at least \$50.00 for the raffle. We sold about 20-25 books of tickets.

We discussed Stepping Stones' plan to build a new shelter. They need \$255,000 for this project.

Four club members attended the membership recognition and 2023 program planning meeting in the county on Oct. 8. Members shared the information gained at this meeting.

Pennies for Friendship were collected, as well as bird seed and cash donations for The Wildlife Rescue and Rehab. We will continue to support this worthwhile project in 2023.

Our current officers will continue in their respective office for 2023.

Discussion was held on dealing with grief and Hospice.

Popple Creek -Nov. The Holiday Tea finishing touches were discussed for Dec. 10. We will

have our cookies, paper supplies for the tea, and our \$50.00 raffle basket ready. Maureen will make the Traditonal Centerpiece for our club, which will be used for a door prize. North Center will do cleanup. Maureen will have a game. Our club will bring small prizes for this game.

We will have our Christmas Party at Exit 45 in Dec.

Pennies for Friendship were collected. Bird seed and cash donations for The Wildlife Rescue and Rehab were collected. Patti is thrilled with all of the generous donations. We plan to have Patti speak at Spring Fling about her Rescue Operation.

### **Baxterville – Oct – Dec**



Baxterville had a very busy 2022. Pictured is the quilt we made this year. Each member in our club makes a square and they are put together by the lucky member who won the quilt the year before. Last year I won the quilt and got to decide what pattern we would be using in 2022. Every member gets the same direction, but really, you never know what the final product will be until the very end. Some people do just enough to make their square special and others go hog wild to stamp their personality onto their work of art. We have some members who do not normally quilt, but there is always help

waiting in the wings from other members. Our very first quilt was made in 1988, won by Myrtle Agnew and this year, the lucky member who won was Lori Boesl. Her wheels are already churning to come up this the pattern for 2023.

We also did some fun projects during our meetings this year. We made charcuterie boards, sign making and our newest longterm commitment was to the Prairie Farm Nursing Home. We did some trimming and pruning and planting as a group. It was nice to hear from the residents that they enjoyed the sprucing up. We already came up with a couple new ideas for the upcoming summer for the residents.

Our membership has increased lately to 15 after asking a few new neighbors and friends (and daughters) to join. Our club spans 3 generations this year, which personally makes it very special with my daughter and mother as members.

Happy New Year to you all from Baxterville-President Sue Anderson

### **SOUTH CENTER**

Cedarlings – **Oct.** Cultural Arts: Julia d'Angelo Woodford gave a report on the financial impact cultural arts have on the State of Wisconsin. 3% of the revenue Wisconsin receives come from cultural arts.

Health: Julia reported Mayo has a new referral system. Referrals need to go through a Referral team rather than through your doctor. She also told us about Mayo's Patience Experience Team. Ideas to improve the patience experience can be shared with the team.

International/Public Info:: Melanie Yager talked about health care plan issues. Medicare Advantage Plans (MAP) inflate diagnosis to take in more money from Medicare. Over billing “fraud” amounts to about \$25 Billion a year. United Health Care is being taken to court since they hold 22% of the MAP but receive 40% of the payments.

We discussed having the club cover the dues of certain members. Historically, we have covered dues

of members in nursing homes. Betty Beguhn has been a member for over 60 yrs. We decided to create a membership category of “Golden” member where the club covers the membership dues.

Club Christmas Party will be held Dec. 21, 12p at Exit 45. Those who wish to participate in a cookie exchange should bring at least 1 doz. cookies. There will also be an optional \$10 gift exchange. Members may also bring Christmas

cards to distribute to each other.

**Nov.-**Cultural Arts: Julia d'Angelo Woodford shared information from the Arts and Cultural Production Satellite Account (ACPSA). The organization was developed through a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Bureau of Economic

**Dec.-** Our Christmas party was postponed due to bad weather.



#### 2022 DONATIONS

October – December No donations to report

#### Member and Board Information

HCE Board News: We had about 18 attendees at our All Member Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Christ Lutheran Church. We decided on a tentative schedule for 2023 and voted on programs. Rosalie is currently trying to confirm venues and speakers so that a program book can be completed. Please be patient-not an easy job. Contact information for Rosalie is [rosaliewerner45@gmail.com](mailto:rosaliewerner45@gmail.com)



#### North Center

Chair: Geri Bates  
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Baxterville  
Popple Creek  
Ideal

#### South Center

Chair: Julia d'Angelo-Woodford  
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Elk Meadow  
Cedarlings

#### HCE Board Members:

##### President - VACANT

Rosalie Werner –Past President 715-664-8394  
Vice President - Julia d'Angelo-Woodford  
Secretary – Elaine Villeneuve  
Treasurer – Margaret Breisch  
International & Citizenship- Vacant  
Marketing/Membership - Christie Pittman  
Historian – Elaine Villeneuve  
Bookworms – Normetta Hurlburt

#### Special Interest!

“ADRC Services for Seniors”  
Speaker: Tracy Fischer, ADRC Manager  
Tuesday, February 28, 1pm, Rm 60 DC  
Government Center (old DC Health Care Center)

SIGN UP BY CALLING MARGARET  
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