A Message from your President:

Happy New Year! The new HCE program year begins with an information/training session and county meeting on Thursday, January 29th. All HCE members are invited to attend this 2015 ‘kick-off’ meeting. The information/training session starts at 4:00 pm. We will take a break at about 5:00 pm for a chili and chicken soup supper and conclude with a short business meeting. Everyone who attends is asked to bring 3-4 cups of chili or chicken soup (and/or a salad or dessert). Plates, bowls, forks, spoons, cups, and beverages will be provided. Those attending will receive information about current state and county projects and programs. Clubs will receive a packet with informational materials and forms to be used during 2015. We’ll also begin making plans for fund-raisers, community-service projects and promotional activities for the year.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the state organization – Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education, Inc. The WAHCE Executive Board is making plans to celebrate 75 years of learning, sharing and caring. We will learn more at the January meeting. Let’s celebrate HCE!

Diane Koch, President
Calendar of Events

January LS: Club’s Choice - Do Your Own Thing
January 29 (Thurs.) - County HCE Meeting, 4:00pm info/training session; 5:00pm chili and chicken soup - dump supper; 6:00pm business meeting
January 31 (Sat) - Club financial report due to county treasurer
February 12 (Thurs) - Last day to register for February Learning Session
February 26 (Thurs) - LS: Identity Theft, 1:30pm
March 2 (Mon) - HCE Newsletter articles are due
March 2 (Mon) - Dodge County HCE Scholarship applications due
March 4 (Wed) - Last day to register for March Learning Session
March 18 (Wed) - LS: The Magic of Hummingbirds, 6:00pm
March 24 (Tues) - County HCE Meeting, 6:00pm
April 9 (Thurs) - last day to register for April Learning Session
April 15 (Wed) - Program topics list due to Program Session
April ( ) - Southeast District Spring Meeting, Ozaukee County hosts
April 21 (Tues) - Focus on Women, 4:00pm at Bayside Supper Club
April 23 (Thurs) - LS: Experiencing Lyme’s Disease, 1:30pm
April 29 (Wed) - Spring Council meeting, Scholarship, Cultural Arts Contest, Silent Auction, Cultural Arts judging 6:00pm, Scholarship presentation 7:00pm, Meeting 7:15pm
April 30 (Thurs) - Pennies for Friendship due to county treasurer
May 7 (Thurs) - Last day to register for May Learning Session
May 21 (Thurs) - Learning Session: Dementia/Brain Fog - Use It or Lose It, 2:00pm

Reminders

- All Dodge County HCE educational programs, county meetings and activities are held at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 E. Oak Street, Juneau WI or as noted in the calendar.
- All Learning Sessions need five or more persons to sign up to attend.
- Registration deadline is two weeks prior to the date of the program.
- If fewer than five people sign up by that date, the session will be cancelled.
- To register for a Learning Session: Call the Extension Office at 920-386-3790, send the registration clip-out to the Dodge County UW-Extension Office, 127 E. Oak Street, Juneau, WI 53039, or send an email to Deb Struve at dstruve@co.dodge.wi.us.
- All HCE members may attend any and all Dodge County HCE activities. All Learning Sessions are open to the public. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend!

Weather Cancellations broadcast on these radio stations:

- Beaver Dam. - WBEV (A.M. 1430) / WXRO (FM 95.3)
- Hartford - WTKM (A.M. 1540 / FM 104.9)
- Mayville - WMDS (FM 98.7)
- Waupun - WFDL (A.M. 1170 / FM 97.7)
Hello from Pattie

Dear HCE members,

If you attended the Christmas party then you have already heard this message, however it is worth repeating. As a mother of three young adults, at times I find myself watching the news with feelings of despair. I wonder what is going on throughout the world and why there is such vitriol for one another. Therefore, it is at this time of year, this very special time of year, when I consciously choose hope over despair, love over hatred and kindness over meanness. Longfellow's melancholy poem captures the essence of what I am saying. When I am bogged down by the news of the day, I am reminded that what is going on in the world today is not new. Since time began, people of the world have seen hardships and devastation. The one thing that remains just as constant is our ability to see the light and to choose hope. I hope the New Year brings peace, joy and love to all of you and your loved ones!

Pattie Carroll

During the American Civil War, Longfellow's oldest son Charles Appleton Longfellow joined the Union cause as a soldier without his father's blessing. Charles soon got an appointment as a lieutenant but, in November, he was severely wounded in the Battle of New Hope Church. Coupled with the recent loss of his wife Frances, who died because of an accidental fire, Longfellow was inspired to write "Christmas Bells". He first wrote the poem on Christmas Day in 1863.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said:
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

This season when you hear the bells, (door bells, church bells, or even the salvation army bells) may your heart be filled with joy.

Pattie Carroll
**Klub Korner**

**Mother Hubbards**

**August**
Summer picnic in Juneau was attended by several members. Club talked about a trip to Green Lake in October. Margaret attended program planning for 2015. Four members are baking and two are working for Old Time Gathering. More members may be included. This month’s project is Home Remedies. We would like to see the learning session on Oh, My Aching Back well attended.

**September**
We had four visitors at this month’s meeting. Two members will attend the trip to Green Lake in October. Two members will attend the study of Michigan. Dues will be paid at the October meeting. Club will do a nuts and dried fruit basket for Achievement Night on November 5. Linda is suggesting a nicer gift instead of a white elephant. Discussion was held on the group’s Christmas party, possibly at the Barn in Theresa. Start with the Heart will be our project for next month by Margaret and Judy.

**October**
Discussion was held on the quilt raffle and Old Time Gathering. Bookworm monies were received and dispensed. Discussed Secret Pals for next year and will bring ideas for the November meeting. December 13 was set as the date at the Barn in Theresa for our party. Gloves for children are needed by Achievement Night. New officers are President Linda, Vice President Gerry, Treasurer Diane and Secretary Laverne. Project for next month will be the study of Michigan.

**November**
We will again have a Secret Pal for 2015. Each member will bring a wrapped $5 gift for the county Christmas party. Each member is to bring 1/2 dozen cookies for the party and 1 dozen to donate to a family in the area. Those who want can make a donation to the Smith’s for Christmas. Members should bring an appetizer for the party. Comments were made about the baskets at Achievement Night. Items in baskets should be new, not used and good; people expect nice gifts. Joan Beck will provide the quilt for 2015.

**Socialettes**

**October**
Kris did the fingerprinting again. A discussion was held on Old Time Gathering. Our Husty Project has two possibilities. Volleyball ticket sellers were filled in. Jean and Judy will be attending the study of Michigan. Achievement Night is November 5. Camille and Shirley will plan our winter outing for December 6. Bring greeting or Christmas cards for the military to our next meeting. Jean presented the program Start with the Heart.

**November**
Our project was cards and letters for the military. Gift cards will be given for our Husty Project. Basketball ticket takers were scheduled through December and early January. Achievement Night was reviewed and two members won a raffle gift. Food that night was very good. Kris received the Community Service award and Camille got her 10 year member certificate. Michigan study recipes were handed out. Discussion was held on Bookworms and Marianne’s trip to Honduras. Our winter outing will be December 6. Upcoming events were highlighted. Our next meeting will be the study of Michigan in January.

Submitted by Kris Kluewer, Rock River Center Chair

There were no other HCE Center submissions with club minutes for this newsletter edition.
Learning Sessions

January: Club’s Choice – Do Your Own Thing
Choose a community service project or attend a cultural event (concert, play, museum, tour, etc.) or set up a craft learning session or an educational program that is of interest to your club members.

Learning Session: Identity Theft
Date: Thursday, February 26   Time: 1:30 pm
Place: County Administration Building, Auditorium, Room H & I

Learn how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and account fraud, how to recognize when fraud has occurred, and what steps to take if you do become a victim.
Presenter: Pattie Carroll

Learning Session: The Magic of Hummingbirds
Date: Wednesday, March 18   Time: 6:00 pm
Place: County Administration Building, Auditorium

Learn how to create a sanctuary for the ruby-throated hummingbird in your own backyard through the use of annual and perennial plants, shrubs, trees and hummingbird feeders.
Presenters: Michael and Kathi Rock

Learning Session: Experiencing Lyme’s Disease
Date: Thursday, April 23   Time: 1:30 pm
Place: County Administration Building, Auditorium, Room H & I

Listen to the account of one family’s personal experiences with Lyme’s Disease.

Registration is required at least two weeks prior to the date of each Learning Session. Register by phone 920-386-3790, email dstruve@co.dodge.wi.us or return the registration clip-out to Dodge County Extension Office, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 E. Oak Street, Juneau WI 53039.

If fewer than five people register for any session, that session will be cancelled and those who registered will be notified.

PROGRAM BOOK CORRECTIONS
Please make the following corrections in your 2015 HCE Program Book:

Page 6: Vice President of Program, Donna Kohnke’s street address is N6664 Kohnke Drive

Page 11: October 29 (Thurs) “Intra-national” should be changed to “International”

Page 12: “March 1 (Sun)” should be changed to “March 2 (Mon) HCE scholarship applications due”
Page 12: October 1 (Thurs), October 8 (Thurs) “Intra-national” should be changed to “International”

Page 20: In the County HCE Summer Picnic description, “second” must be changed to “third”

Page 24: “Intra-national Study of Sweden” should be “International Study of Sweden”

Page 25: In the Learning Session description, the second sentence should read “We are looking for HCE members (or non-members) who have a crafting specialty . . .”

Page 26: The date of the County HCE Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 9

Meeting dates that were not scheduled or available prior to printing the program book will be announced as soon as they become known. Please contact Diane Koch (program book page 3) if you find any other errors in the 2015 HCE Program Book that need to be corrected. Thanks!
Kris Kluewer (Socialettes) was honored with the Community Service Award for HCE. She spent many hours volunteering with the Hustisford Firemen's Auxiliary, fingerprinting children at Bethany Lutheran School, volunteering at Hustisford High School and at Bethany Lutheran Church. Also honored was Whitney Rathke (Emerald Clovers) with the Rookie of the Year Award. She is a 2 year member of the club, helped get the club organized, taught at learning sessions for the club and at the county level, is an officer of the club and served as the summer 4-H agent, and taught after school activities at a Beaver Dam school.

Shown are Kris Kluewer (Socialettes) on left, Lorraine Kohn (Indian Garden) center, the presenter, and Whitney Rathke (Emerald Clovers) on right.

Special Years of Membership

Pictured are front row - Diane Qualmann (Mother Hubbards) 56 years of membership, Carol Lenius (Indian Garden) 55 years, Geraldine Weiss (Mother Hubbards) 55 years, and back row - LaVerne Schulz (Mother Hubbards) 55 years, Irmgard Meyer (Mother Hubbards) 52 years, Marion Gade (Beaver Belles) 51 years, Carmen Hewitt (Beaver Belles) 50 years, Sandy Peirick (Indian Garden) 50 years, and Margie Eickelberg (Indian Garden) 45 years. The people pictured and those absent Phyllis Westenberg (Country Neighbors) 51 years, Marion Luebke (LedgeView) 55 years, Mary Ellen Peirick (Indian Garden) 55 years, and Margaret (Peg) Snudden (Lowell) with 65 years of membership were given special recognition at achievement night.

Also honored were Margaret Johann (Mother Hubbards) with 5 years, Camille Brzeczkowski (Socialettes) 10 years, Dianne Krieg (Beaver Belles) 15 years, Connie Schmidt (Mother Hubbards) 20 years, Karen Christianson (Lowell) 30 years, Diane Koch (Individual) 35 years, Kathy Wagoner (Indian Garden) 35 years, That's lots of years of membership and some of the best volunteers in Dodge County.

New Board Members

Pictured (L-R) are Diane Koch (Individual) - President, LaVerne Schultz (Mother Hubbards) - Vice President, Karen Christianson (Lowell) - Watertown Center Chairperson, Lorraine Kohn (Indian Garden) - Membership Chairperson, Sally Schoenike (Emerald Clovers) Wisconsin Bookworms™ Coordinator and Marianne Zastrow (LedgeView) - Family and Community Life Coordinator.
Winners of HCE raffle prizes were drawn at the HCE Achievement Night held at the Dodge County Administration Building on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014. The grand prize of a queen sized quilt was won by Marion Gade (Beaver Belles), Baker's Delight Collection - Anita Back (Socialettes), two grocery bags of treats - Sally Schoenike (Emerald Clovers), Fruit and Nut Basket - Laura Schoenike (Emerald Clovers), Winter Endurance Basket - Barbara Wendler, Baby afghan - Kim Semrau, Accessories Basket - Charlotte Laufenberg (Mother Hubbards), Fall Basket - Linda Feucht (Mother Hubbards), Wreath - Kris Kluwer (Socialettes), Easter Basket - Julie Brandstatter, Polyester Rug - Mary J. Niehoff, Gingerbread House made of plastic canvas - Kylee Johann, Kitty Tissue Box made of plastic canvas - Sherry Helmer (Emerald Clovers), Christmas Tissue Box made of plastic canvas - Kris Beaver, and dog air freshener made of plastic canvas - Hilary Rein.

A Gifted Suitcase!

Marianne Zastrow (LedgeView) has returned from her 14 day trip to Roatan, Honduras. While there she gifted a suitcase full of pillowcase dresses and little britches shorts and flip flops for the 19 children at the Greenfield Children's Home run by Sandy Bay Lighthouse Ministries. Helen Weisensel (Emerald Clovers) should be thanked for the 7 pillowcase dresses and 43 shorts she sewed for the donation as well as Sally Schoenike (Emerald Clovers) who donated 25 pair of flip flops from donated 4-H materials. We found the children to be very happy and beautiful. I would like to share that portion of the trip with all of you at the county meeting to be held in January.

Submitted by Marianne Zastrow

Intra-national Study—Michigan

The Michigan project was held on October 30, 2014. Twenty-one members were present. Susan Beck, the S.E. District International person also came to watch. We ate food from Michigan, everything from chicken and dumpling soup to many flavors of Faygo soda. The meal ended with ice-cream and warmed Michigan toppings — chocolate and caramel. According to Mary Fogarty (Ledgeview), if you burn dinner put some warm caramel topping on it.

The country for 2015 was chosen—Sweden

Gather your Swedish recipes, Huck weaving and join us next year.

Bethel Schmidt (Country Neighbors) & Barbara Seibel (Country Neighbors)
International Co-chairs
2015 SCHOLARSHIPS
Applications for the Dodge County HCE Scholarship ($500) will be available at the Extension Office beginning in January. Each club will also receive a copy at the January county HCE meeting. Information on eligibility requirements can be found in the Dodge County HCE Program Book. Application deadline for this scholarship is March 2, 2015. (Since March 1, 2015 is a Sunday, the deadline has been changed to Monday.)

Applications for the WAHCE Jones-Lee Scholarship ($1000) are available from Diane Koch or the WAHCE website - www.wahceinc.org. An applicant for the Jones-Lee Scholarship must be a WAHCE member or a member’s child, stepchild or grandchild who is pursuing an associate degree at a vocational or technical school or attending a college or university. Application deadline is April 1, 2015.

Two ‘specialty’ scholarships are also given by WAHCE each year. The Ardith McDowell International Scholarship ($200) is available to any HCE member who travels to a WAHCE supported international project area. The Memorial Leadership Scholarship ($200) is available to any HCE member who registers to attend an HCE state conference, Grandparents University or other approved leadership opportunity. Applications are available from Diane Koch or the WAHCE website.

Applications for the CWC Ruth B. Sayre Memorial Scholarship ($500) are available from Diane Koch. An applicant for the Ruth B. Sayre Memorial Scholarship must be a woman who is a resident of North or South America who shows financial need and is continuing her education. Application deadline is February 28, 2015.

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2015 CULTURAL ARTS CONTEST
Just a reminder that the 2015 Cultural Arts Contest will be held on Wednesday, April 29th. The guidelines and the entry form listing the categories for the 2015 Cultural Arts Contest will be available at the County HCE meeting on January 29th. They will also be printed in the next HCE newsletter (April-May-June issue). All entries will be judged and some will be selected to advance to the WAHCE Cultural Arts Contest held in September.

Please take note: The time for receiving items for judging will be ½ hour earlier than in past years. Cultural Arts items will be received from 5:30 to 6:00 pm and judging will begin at 6:00 pm.

CRAFTS DAY
The November Learning Session with hands-on craft workshops and/or crafting demos is still in the planning stages. We are looking for HCE members and/or non-members who have a crafting specialty (fiber arts, paper crafts, stitchery, ceramics, leather crafts, etc.) that they are willing to teach to others. Please contact Sandy Peirick or Marianne Zastrow (program book page 4) if you are willing to teach a craft to your fellow members – or if you know of someone who may be willing to teach a craft – at this learning session. The date, time, craft sessions and registration info will be announced when finalized.
Clip Outs

Learning Session: Identity Theft
Thursday, February 26
1:30 p.m.
Name ____________________
Club _____________________
Phone #: __________________
Please RSVP by February 12, 2015

Learning Session: Experiencing Lyme’s Disease
Thursday, April 23
1:30 p.m.
Name ____________________
Club _____________________
Phone #: __________________
Please RSVP by April 9, 2015

Learning Session: The Magic of Hummingbirds
Wednesday, March 18
6:00 p.m.
Name ____________________
Club _____________________
Phone #: __________________
Please RSVP by March 4, 2015

Learning Session: Dementia/Brain Fog—Use It or Lose It!
Thursday, May 21
2:00 p.m.
Name ____________________
Club _____________________
Phone #: __________________
Please RSVP by May 7, 2015