



News & Views

Outagamie County Home and Community Education

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**MAKE THE
COMMITMENT TO
FIND ONE NEW
MEMBER**

President's Letter

Hello!

2009 is well on its way. Spring will be here before we know it. We have several things in the works. Two weeks ago I sent letters out to the club presidents explaining about the prayer shawl project and for the salad luncheon. The prayer shawl project is a county project and we would like to see 150 of them made. They can be quilted, crochet or fleece. We have a request for that amount. I have included an article regarding information about the shawls. We would like to have these completed by November 1, 2009. Our salad luncheon is scheduled for March 31 at Piece by Piece in Appleton. I have sent a list of the club duties to each club president.

The scholarship forms are ready if anyone needs one. Contact the Extension office or Janet Springstroh, Scholarship Committee Chair. Then need to be in before March 13. If anyone is interested in taking the bus to the state convention in September, it would be wise to reserve your spot now. The form was in your last newsletter. If you need one, please contact the Extension office.

Our leadership programs have been wonderful so far. I hope your clubs are enjoying them. The luncheon for the Hearthstone House will be on May 13 at the Bridgestone Resort in Menasha from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person. If we can get 10 members to go, we will be able to name our own table, and therefore, get the HCE name out there. There will be door prizes ranging in value from \$10 to \$100. Everyone is supposed to win something. Several of our board members are interested in attending. We have to pre-register to have a table. We will let you know when the tickets will be available.

There have been some questions on what to put in our feature page articles. They can be whatever you want. It can be something special your club is doing or has done. You can tell about some places you have gone. If you hold your meeting at a restaurant, you can always let us know where your favorites are since we all like to try new things.

“In life there are always undesirable things. Perhaps we would feel better if we changed our point of view to see things from another direction.”

Linda K. Biese

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HCE President

Advisor's Letter

Dear HCE members,

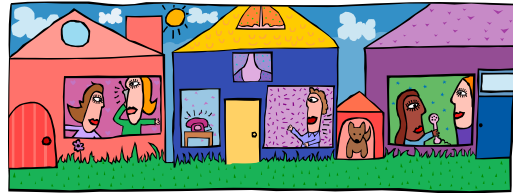
Making a difference. . . we can all make a difference in a variety of ways. Small steps in making a difference can add up to making a big difference. Doing something is better than doing nothing! We can waste a moment or we can use the moment—we have two choices. More than ever, we need to develop our resiliency skills and we can do that by taking time to learn more about ourselves and how we communicate, how we make decisions and how to reach out to community support systems.

Thank you for all you do to “give” in so many ways to your family, friends, neighbors, community, church and organizations. By giving the value of your effort to the moment, you’ll receive so much more in return.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Bickrell

Advisor/Family Living Educator/Department Head
UW-Extension Outagamie County



Calendar of Events

Feb. 27		Registration for Leader Training on March 4 th
Mar. 4	11:00 a.m.	Club President and Vice-President Officer Training
Mar. 4	1:00 p.m.	Leader Training, “How Do You Drive in a Roundabout?”
Mar. 6		Heart of the Farm Conference, LaSure’s Hall, Oshkosh
Mar. 7	9:00 a.m.	Garden Expectations—Appleton East High School, Sponsored by Outagamie County Master Gardeners
Mar. 16	11:30 a.m.	Potluck and Executive Board Meeting, UW-Extension, Brewster St.
Mar. 27		Newsletter Deadline
Mar. 31	11:00 a.m.	Salad Luncheon, Piece by Piece, Appleton
Apr. 2	11:00 a.m.	Newsletter Committee meeting, UW-Extension, Brewster St.
April 2	1:00 p.m.	Leader Training, “Prepare to Care,” UW-Extension, Brewster St.
Apr. 22		East District Meeting, UW-Fond du Lac
Apr. 27	5:30 p.m.	Spring HCE Meeting and Potluck, “Taking Care of the Caregiver” Part 2, Black Creek Community Center
Apr. 29	12:30 p.m.	Living with Grief, “Diversity and the End of Life” Satellite Conference, UW-Extension, Brewster St.
May 4	5:30 p.m.	HCE Banquet
May 8	10:00 a.m.	Brat Fry at Piggly Wiggly, New London, (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
May 13	11:00 a.m.	Hearthstone Luncheon, Bridgestone Resort, Menasha

Upcoming Events

Leader Training How Do You Drive in a “Roundabout”?

March 4, 2009

1:00 p.m.

UW-Extension, Brewster Street

Mr. Al Geurts from the Outagamie County Department of Transportation will address the subject of driving in a roundabout. He will also answer other questions you may have regarding roads in Outagamie County.

Pre-register by February 27, 2009

HCE Salad Luncheon

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Piece by Piece

1350 College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54914

920-749-1957

Cost: \$5.00 in advance/\$6.00 at the door

Proceeds will go to the Scholarship/Education Fund

The menu will consist of:

Cold salads (fruit, vegetable, and jello)

Bread, pickles, olives, cookies, coffee and tea

We will have one main salad

Each person that is assigned to make one should make a salad big enough to serve 12 people

You need to bring the recipe also. If you want your recipe put in a pamphlet, submit them to Dorothy Paltzer by March 24, 2009.

Try and make a variety.

The salad luncheon committee consists of:

Carol Struck 920-986-1317

Dorothy Paltzer 920-739-2729

Linda Biese 920-833-2618

Lois Dalke 920-833-2855

If you have any questions or feel you need help with anything, please contact one of the committee members.

We will be meeting again on February 26.

We have jobs assigned to each club.



**Country Apples HCE Spring Trip
Thursday, May 28th, 2009**



- 7:00 a.m. Depart Nationwide Travelers
7:15 a.m. Pickup at Town of Center
7:30 a.m. Pickup at Black Creek Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- 9:00 a.m. Door County Coffee Company (Carlsville, WI). See the roasting process through a glass display window, shop for unique gifts from local craftsman, grab a cup-o-Joe for the road in the café.
- 9:55 a.m. Door Peninsula Winery (Carlsville, WI). Tour plus wine tasting and time to shop. Winery and two other smaller gift-type shops on the grounds—split group for tour.
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Bjorklunden and tour of Boynton Chapel—affiliated with Lawrence University and serves as its “northern campus.”
- 2:30 p.m. 2 ½ hour Chicago Fireboat Cruise on board the Fred A. Busse. Narrated tour to Sturgeon Bay Coast Guard Station and Sherwood Point Lighthouse—weather permitting. Snacks and refreshments, including full bar, are available for sale during the cruise. There is also an on-board memorabilia and gift salon, as well as restrooms.

Stop Dutch treat for dinner at a fast-food restaurant on the way home.

Arrive home approximately:

- 7:15 p.m. Black Creek
7:30 p.m. Town of Center
7:45 p.m. Nationwide Traveler

Cost is \$67 and is due by March 19th. Send check made out to Nationwide Travelers to:



Judy Shafel
W7589 Park Avenue
Shiocton WI 54170

If any questions call, 920-986-3810

Announcement

Fall HCE East District Meeting

Sheboygan County HCE will be hosting the Fall East district meeting on Thursday October 1, 2009 at Ebenezer UCC church in Sheboygan.

Education



Wisconsin Bookworms™ & Wiggly the Bookworm

Our bookworm's name is "Wiggly" and can be found on the wahceinc.org web page. Would you like to write a poem or song about Wiggly? It is an opportunity open to all HCE members in Wisconsin. Submit your poem or song to Marcie Suprise along with your name, phone number and permission to reprint the article. The due date is May 1, 2009.

In November 2008, our county made \$445 selling coupons for the Younker's Community Day sale. In December 2008, Younker's sent us a bonus check of \$117.50 bringing our total profit made at the sale to \$562.50. Proceeds went to Wisconsin Bookworms™, not scholarships as stated in the last newsletter.

The quilt raffle is our biggest fundraiser for Wisconsin Bookworms™. You should have received your raffle tickets from your club president, if you did not call her. The quilt is beautiful and a lot of work was put into it by Shirley Richardson. The Catholic Knights Branch 197 of Seymour is matching funds up to \$500. Everyone can be involved in this by buying or selling tickets. Please turn your money and stubs into your club president/designated person before the Spring Association meeting on April 27. If you need tickets, call your club president, Carol Theobald, Linda Biese or Marcie Suprise. The drawing will be held at our Spring Banquet on Monday May 4, 2009 at Doxbee's Supper Club in Seymour.

We will be having a brat fry at the Piggly Wiggly in New London on Friday, May 8, 2009. You can sign up at the executive board or Spring Association meetings or call Linda Biese, Ruth Biese or Marcie Suprise.

It takes quite a few volunteers to run the Wisconsin Bookworms™ program. Such as, Denise VanderZanden and Judy Asman who helped write grants, put labels in books and delivered them; Ruth Biese, Linda Biese and Marcie Suprise who helped with the donation letters and organizing all the fund-raisers to make the money to buy books; all of the volunteers that have given of their time and talents, working at the fund-raisers, quilt raffles and silent auction items; and also all of the volunteers that went into the Head Starts every month, interacting and reading to the children.

Wisconsin Bookworms™ Co-Chairs
Ruth Biese and Marcie Suprise

Membership

There are no new members to welcome at this time.

Clubs, please turn in any new members and dues to:

**Treasurer, Judy Schafel
W7589 Park Avenue
Shiocton WI 54170**

Other

HCE Prayer Shawl Project

This year our community service project for 2009 is prayer shawls. We have a request for approximately 150 of them, but they can be presented to anyone you know. We would like these completed by November 2, 2009.

They can either be knit, crochet or quilted. There is no specific design or pattern. A shawl should be approximately 18" x 65". A lap quilt should be approximately 45" x 45" for a lady's or 45" x 60" for men. When selecting fabric for a prayer shawl quilt, choose 100% cotton and in a color that will be pleasing to the recipient. Wash and iron the fabric before you start the quilt, so part of the stiffness of the fabric will be removed. Choose a batting that is washable and does not need to be quilted closer than six inches. Because these quilts are meant to be snuggled in, you will want to quilt them as loosely as possible, especially if you machine quilt them. In many cases, the more quilting you add, the stiffer the quilt will become.

As you begin to stitch the quilt, think about the recipient and how much you love and care for them. Give thanks that you have been blessed with the talent to make a gift that will give them comfort and joy. After you have given thanks, think of the person for whom you are making the quilt. Say a prayer for the recipient. When you are done, please add a prayer or blessing on the label that you add to the back of the quilt.

We ask that you keep track of the time and money spent on this project (similar to the way you did for the passage quilts). I have samples of the prayers or blessing you can use or do your own. If you would like to participate, but do not sew or crochet, you can help out in other ways. If you would like to contact me at 920-833-2638

Thank you,
Linda Biese
Outagamie County HCE President.



Community Garden Sign – Up
Saturday, April 4, 2009—11:00AM-12:30PM
UW-Extension Office, 3365 W Brewster, Appleton

Title	Presenter	Date
Nutrition From the Vegetable Garden	Kathleen Lagare	March 21
Container Gardening	Ruth Freye	April 4
Organic Pest Control	Barb Boudry	April 25
Composting, Mulching Your Garden	Annie Danko	May 9

If you plan to attend, please call Denise at UW-Extension at 832-5519

Feature Club Articles

Never Idle by Mary Hribal

The summer day dawned warm and bright as members of Never Idle gathered for a tour of the Wisconsin Veterans home at King. It is a remarkable campus comprised of six buildings bordering on a picturesque lake. There are individual farm homes on grounds that house married couples. The Wisconsin Veterans home offers long-term care for our elderly or disabled male and female veterans who meet certain criteria.

A retired Army nurse was our tour guide. She was both energetic and entertaining as she led us through the public areas of King. We toured the extensive library that housed both print and film materials. Keeping the veterans busy is a top priority so craft classes are offered. Among the featured crafts, we saw an extensive area where ceramics were poured, painted and fired in a kiln. Woodworking and carving were also featured. Other areas of the administration and public areas housed a small museum, bowling alley, movie theater, auditorium, and snack areas. A large outside promenade on the lake allowed veterans to fish from the dock or a boat.

It also allowed them to watch some spectacular water skiing practice.

After our tour we dined at the Round Table Restaurant and then ventured out to visit the Old Red Mill. At one time it was a working mill but now is dedicated to showcasing memorabilia from an earlier time. Someone said, "Oh look! I remember my grandmother had a churn like that." Another lady stated that her grandmother had a pedal sewing machine similar to the one against the wall. We delighted in hearing and seeing the old player piano. Memories flooded our heads as we viewed paintings and photographs, lamps, furniture, Christmas villages and ornaments from a more peaceful era frozen in time.

Turning from the past to the present, Never Idle has turned its collective attention to quilting prayer shawls. Some will be presented to the sick veterans at King and some will be donated to individuals living in our area who are ill. This project will keep us busy or should I say, Never Idle.

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In December 2008 we had our Christmas party at a restaurant with husbands as guests and an exchange of gifts. At our January 2009 meeting we shared some of the traditions in our families. One member and her husband visits shut-ins after the Christmas Eve service. Some also shared what they did during the depression. Something else asked was, "when and why" did you get your first television, of course, most of our members remember black and white.



Memorial

**In memory of Geheva Tesch who passed away on
December 29, 2008. She was a member of Country
Apples Club since 2002.**