

April 2	12:30	Program Planning 2021	Library	VP
	1:30	Board Meeting	Library	President
April 25	9:30-3:00	Cultural Arts/Crafts	Parkland Town Hall	T&C
	9:30-10:00	Coffee & Conversation		
	10:00	Judging Cultural Arts		
April 30 - May 9		Oulu Community Theatre	Workshop Oulu	
May 7	12:30	International/Planning program for Cuba	Library	Board
	1:30	Board Meeting	Library	President
May 14		NW District Meeting	Faith Lutheran Chippewa Falls, WI	

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DISPATCH



APRIL/MAY 2020 Douglas County HCE

Mission Statement for Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education HCE offers opportunities for:

- Learning in a social setting,
- Sharing what we learn, and
- Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities, and the world.



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DISPATCH ARTICLES DUE DATE

Dispatch articles are **due the 15th** of the month. When emailing your articles, please send them as an attachment.

Please mail or email them to:

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Memo from the Board~
2020 CENSUS –WE ALL COUNT! In mid-March, homes across the country began receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. The 2020 Census is easy. You will answer a simple questionnaire about yourself and everyone who is living with you on April 1, 2020. If you are filling out the census for your home, you should count everyone who is living there as of April 1. This includes any friends or family members who are living and sleeping there most of the time. If someone is staying in your home on April 1, and has no usual home elsewhere, you should count them in your response to the 2020 Census. Please also be sure to count roommates, your children, newborns, and anyone who is renting a space in your home. These people are often missed in the census. This means they can miss out on resources for themselves and their communities over the next 10 years.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results of this once-a-decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children. The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential. Under Title 13, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. The law ensures that your private data is protected and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. The answers you provide are used only to produce statistics. You are kept anonymous: The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or anyone else in your home. Please participate and be counted in the 2020 Census.

The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation—who we are, where we live, and so much more—help us make sure everyone is counted! (For more information visit www.census.gov/2020censusand/or/www.douglascountywi.org.)

HCE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2020 - 1:30 p.m. Superior Public Library

Roll Call: Hilltoppers 3, Merry Mates 1, Town & Country 2

The meeting was opened at 1:50 p.m. by President Cheryl McCuskey with the HCE Creed .

Secretary's Report: Jo Mersnick: - February minutes were approved and placed on file.Correspondence: noneTreasurer's Report: Linda Williams: The Treasurer's Report was approved and placed on file for review. Linda explained some adjustments on the year-end report. The audit of the Treasurer's Books was completed by Sue Hendrickson and MaryAnn Gronquist. The report was excellent and filed.Sunshine: Cheryl McCuskey reported on the Sunshine Fund.Dispatch: Due March 9, 2020 The April and May Dispatches will be combined due to the fact that Cheryl S. will be out of the office until late April.**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**VP Programming and Community Outreach: Marion Bradley - The Program Planning meeting for 2021 will take place on April 2, 2020 at 12:30 at the Superior Public Library.Cultural Arts: Mary Ann Gronquist – The Cultural Arts Contest will be held April 25 at the Parkland Town Hall from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. Cultural Arts information can be found in this Dispatch. It looks like it is going to be a very fun event. Plan to attend for fun and fellowship.International: The articles in the Dispatch are very good and informative. The International planning meeting for the International event will be held at the May 7th planning meeting.Membership/Marketing: Sue HendricksonScholarship: Linda Williams- The Melinda Boswell Scholarship will go to UWS this year. There are WAHCE scholarships available. Scholarship Information is on-line at <www.wahceinc.org>.**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**2020 Craft Sale: The Craft Sale Meeting was held on March 5th at 12:30. Many options were discussed and many decisions were made. Look for a Craft Sale update informing members of the decisions made in this Dispatch. It will be exciting as we plan for the 2020 Craft Sale to be held on Oct. 10 at the HOL fairground multi-purpose room. Look for the exciting changes.**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Quilt-a-thon – March 26 10:00 – 3:00 Mariner Business and Retail Center. The Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant will offer a 20% discount for lunch to those with Quilt-a-thon identification.

Program Planning for 2021 – April 2, 2020 – 12:30 Superior Public Library

Cultural Arts Contest/Craft Day – Parkland Town Hall April 25- 9:30 to 12:00.

Meeting closed with the HCE prayer at 2:45 p.m.
Minutes submitted for approval by Jo Mersnick**CRAFT SALE 2020****PLANNING MEETING 3/5/20 HIGHLIGHTS**Date: Saturday, October 10, 2020Place: Head of Lakes Fairgrounds, Multipurpose Building,

4700 Tower Ave., Superior, WI

Chair: Hilltoppers Club and Executive BoardContact Persons: Sue Hendrickson and Marge KehoRental: Pre-paid by treasurer with contract with HOLSet-Up: Saturday, October 10 6:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.Sale: Saturday, October 10, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.Craft Table Rentals: Linda WilliamsLunch: Menu and cost TBA, HilltoppersBake Sale: Town & CountryPosters/Outdoor sign prep: HilltoppersPoster/Out sign placement: All ClubsPublic Relations: Marketing/Membership Chair with HilltoppersSpecial Project: TBA, HilltoppersEarly Morning Coffee (for crafters): MaryAnn Gronquist and Diane GreelyQuilt Raffle Table: Hilltoppers**NOTE THESE IMPORTANT CHANGES:**Motion/2nd/passed to discontinue door prizes.Motion/2nd/passed to discontinue the \$1.00 Admission fee.

Provide collection containers for donations for scholarship and education.

Motion/2nd/passed to raise table rent from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per table.Motion/2nd/passed to change crafters' registrations deadline date earlier, then open table registrations to vendors.

Reinstate all-day coffee/bar for \$1.00. Water and pop \$1.00 each.

Next Craft Sale Meeting: September 3, 2020 at Superior Public Library

Submitted by Linda Williams

CUBA 2019-2020 International Study

Here are a few tidbits of information about Cuba.

-Is it safe to go to Cuba? Yes, Cuba is one of the safest countries. You may encounter minor crimes such as monetary scam, pickpocketing or theft. There is almost no violent crimes, no organized gangs, drugs or danger zones. Their "Committee for Defense of Revolution (CDR)" has a strict policy against crime and makes sure streets are safe.

-What is Cuba famous for? Music, color, palm trees, wonderful sea breezes, white sand beaches, tropical forests, mountains, tropical fruits, Spanish historic architecture some dating back to 1600's, their culture and history modern resorts and hotels.

-Tourism – Yes, it is one of the safest countries to visit. Visitors must have a valid passport and a tourist card which is available at airports. Entering and exiting Cuba requires going through customs, which should be fairly easy as long as visitors follow the strict guidelines. They have a long list of items not allowed such as narcotics, explosives, pornography, anything that may be used against their national security, animals, plants, etc. There is also a long list of legal items that may be brought into the country as a tourist/visitor such as cell phones, laptops, MP3 players, and more. One interesting note found was that as of 2007 DVDs and VCRs are now allowed into the country.



-Things to do/Places to see – Coral reefs, mangroves, swimming, white sand beaches, ocean breezes, and more. There are 14 National Parks in Cuba, several cities each offering its own history, vistas, beauty and vacation experiences. Lively music and festivals are a highlight of the Cuban life. Cuban cigars, said to be the best in the world, are from local tobacco plantations, hand rolled. Colorful buildings, and friendly people are all the makings of a visit to Cuba.

www.wikipedia.org
www.cia.gov/publications/library

Submitted by, Linda Williams

International Program is being planned for November 2020. Check your calendar for the next planning meeting. We can use all your ideas and help. Thank you.



FROM THE DESK OF SUE HENDRICKSON

"Happy Easter, Happy Spring,
Happy, Happy Everything!"



As I type these notes, Hilltoppers are preparing busily for the 2020 Quiltathon. We won't have another newsletter till June so may I take this opportunity to thank all those that prepared, worked and delivered for the Quiltathon project. We could not do it without all your help! Please thank our sponsors: (CS Designs-formerly Country Schoolhouse, Mariner Retail and Business Center, Walmart, Hanna Johnson Fabrics, Guadalajara, Kunert's Kreations and Super One East End) with your words and your patronage! Sewing supplies were collected to send to Nicaragua Sewing Centers. Jeanette Rantala is still willing to take sewing donations for the Nicaragua Project to the warehouse in Stevens Point—next trip in April or May. So if you have sewing supplies to share, call Jeanette (608-713-5160) then drop them off at the Extension Office for pickup. Thanks, Jeanette.

The board also agreed to donate a quilt to North Country Independent Living again for a fundraiser for them. They have many support programs for the disabled in our community. Thank you, Executive Board. Because of our donation, we will be able to sell tickets at their Expo in July at the Mall and give out our membership information.

*Just a note to remind those who have not turned in their quilt raffle tickets, the end is near! Tickets will be offered for sale till noon Cultural Arts/Craft Day April 25 to be put in the cute "bed box" that Marian Bradley, Hilltoppers, made. **The 2020 winner will be chosen, then the new quilt for 2021 will be unveiled!** Selling raffle tickets is good PR besides funding our batting for each year. Thanks all!*

MEMBERSHIP

PRESIDENTS: Do you have a Membership packet in your possession for your next new member? If not, contact Sue (715-398-7213). **DID YOU EVER THINK** of giving a membership in HCE for a gift for a birthday, anniversary, Mother's Day, etc.? Gift certificates are available from the Treasurer.

DON'T FORGET TO PUT OUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS FOR MAIL CARRIERS AS THEY SUPPORT THE FOOD SHELF "STAMP OUT HUNGER" PROGRAM SATURDAY, MAY 9!

Picked up a cute Women's Planner at my mammogram visit at the clinic. It has health tips for each month.

For April: "Laugh out loud--Life will always have its pressures, but knowing how to manage stress leads to a more joyful existence. Laughter is a proven stress reliever, so take time for a funny movie, or a humorous book, or a fun social event. Laughter is contagious, so share your good humor with others." Be well!

EARTH DAY: APRIL 22, 2020—Fifty Years Old!



The theme for Earth Day 2020 is climate action. The enormous challenge — but also the vast opportunities — of action on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary. Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable.

Earth Day was a unified response to an environment in crisis — oil spills, smog, rivers so polluted they literally caught fire. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet. Margaret Mead, noted anthropologist and outspoken environmentalist (pictured above), spoke at the first Earth Day, an event to increase public awareness of the world's environmental problems. That first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement, and is now recognized as the planet's largest civic event (193 countries!).

The world needs you — and your actions — for Earth Day 2020. There's so much you can do to help protect and restore our planet, from joining a cleanup or climate strike, to taking part in the world's largest citizen science initiative, to hosting an event in your own community! The enormous challenges — but also the vast opportunities — of acting on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary. Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable. At the end of 2020, nations will be expected to increase their national commitments to the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change. The time is now for citizens to call for greater global ambition to tackle our climate crisis. Unless every country in the world steps up — and steps up with urgency and ambition — we are consigning current and future generations to a dangerous future. Earth Day 2020 will be far more than a day. It must be a historic moment when citizens of the world rise up in a united call for the creativity, innovation, ambition, and bravery that we need to meet our climate crisis and seize the enormous opportunities of a zero-carbon future. Sue Hendrickson

The **Cultural Arts Contest** will be held at the Parkland Town Hall on Sat., April 25th. There will be coffee and goodies from 9:30-10:00 a.m. A craft will be offered at 10:00. It will be making a shopping bag from an old tee shirt. Bring a tee shirt or tank top (can have a design on it or can be plain). Bring a pair of scissors. Please have your Cultural Arts entries there by 9:30, as judging will begin after 10:00. The list of categories was in your last Dispatch.

OULU COMMUNITY THEATER

The Oulu Community Theater is presenting, "Hello Dolly" on several dates in late April and early May. It will be held at the "The Workshop" on Hwy B in Oulu. (Call me for directions if you decide to go). There will be five dinner theaters, April 30, May 1, May 2 and

May 8/9th. Dinner theaters are \$25.00 and you should be there no earlier than 6:00 p.m., serving starts at 6:30. There are two matinees, Sun., May 3 and Sun., May 10, beginning at 1:30 (no dinner with matinees). Evening shows are Sun., May 3 at 6:00 pm., Tues., May 5th at 7:00 p.m. (no dinner with these). Matinees and evening shows are \$10.00. To reserve your tickets call Arlene at 715-742-8493 or Margie at 715-372-4102. All tickets must be pre-paid. I've been to several of these and they are very well done. Lot of local talent. Tickets do sell out, especially the dinner theaters, so make your calls well ahead of the date you choose. All proceeds from these plays go to child related organizations. This activity was one chosen in our surveys.

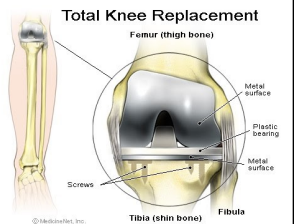
Submitted by,

MEMO FROM EDITOR

We are having a combined April/May 2020 this month as I will be out of the office for knee replacement March 11 till an undetermined date hoping for April 25th or sooner but we shall see. March 10th, 2020 was my 10th year anniversary editing/publishing the HCE newsletter and working for Extension. I want to thank you all that helped me along the way and sent in articles each month for a great newsletter each month. It has been a great 10 years working with HCE and more to come.

Have a great Spring and I will see you again soon!

Cheryl Shockley, HCE Editor



**Looking for a way to get involved in your community food system
Join us this Spring, April 22nd, 2020 6:00 p.m.
for the Superior Community Gardens Association Spring Gathering**

This will be held at the gardens on Oakes Ave. Volunteers are always needed to help with the gardens and producing fresh produce.

Call Jane Anklam or more information on the community effort 715-395-1515.

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