



EXTENSION LINE

Newsletter for the members of the Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education
June 2022

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- ❖ On Facebook: [Home and Community Education in Kenosha County](#) Find county info, little snippets, local happenings, and any changes to our calendar.
- ❖ On the state website: <https://wahceinc.org/> . Find information and forms for all WI counties.
- ❖ On the county website: <https://wahceinc.org/kenosha-county-hce/>

Upcoming 2022 HCE Dates and Events

What Is Happening? Where Is it Happening?

Thursday, July 7, cancelled for health reasons

Thursday, July 21, 7 pm, KCC, Executive Board Meeting, with Workshop on *How Kenosha HCE Works* (read below)

Thursday, August 11, 6 pm, Indoor "Pic-In-Ic." Birchwood Grill

Wednesday, September 14, 1 pm, KCC "Adventures in the Peace Corps," Michael LaForge

September 15-25, [Extension Line](#) articles due

Monday – Wednesday, Sept 19-21, Stoney Creek Inn, LaCrosse, WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference 2022

Sunday, October 16, Fall Focus, Cup O'Joe in Twin Lakes, "Fall Back to the 50's"

Wednesday, November 9, 1:00, KCC "Gnome Place Like Home for the Holidays," Jerin Moore

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From President Donna Zarovy - Welcome Summer!

We are having a great 70th year which only continues to get better. I can't wait for the Pic-In-ic August 11 at "Camp Birchwood" or the 70th Anniversary with the Fall Focus in October. The committees have fun things and great food planned. Our spring education programs have been

valuable and fun. Our Cultural Arts Show was well attended, and we have many entries going on to the WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference.

On behalf of the Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education Executive Board, I invite all HCE Club presidents, officers, committee chairs and members to attend our July 21st Board Meeting at 7 pm at the Kenosha County Center. We will have a workshop on "How Kenosha HCE Works."

This is a great meeting for anyone considering running for an office or serving on a committee. The workshop will also include time for all in attendance to offer their guidance, share their success stories, and plan for the future of our organization. Light refreshments will be served.

Thank you to each of you for being a valuable member of Kenosha HCE. After I tallied the Impact of HCE I was amazed at the value of the time and donations we have made in Kenosha. Of 60 members, 35 completed their forms. We donated 1,789 hours for Events, 95 for Fundraising and 989 for Community Outreach. The total of 2,873 hours has a "volunteer value" of **\$82,000 plus our \$7,338** in donation values. This is mindboggling! Kudos to all of you!

I enjoy meeting you at events and talking to every one of you. We are part of a larger group that impacts our community, the state, our nation, and the world.

April 2, 2022, *Old-Fashioned Bed Turning* hosted by Country Cousins



MaryAnn and Donna welcomed guests. The quilts displayed behind them are from the collection of Marie Fischer. Behind those quilts is the public food pantry of Zion Lutheran Church. The money given to the church for using their facilities is being used to purchase more items for our community. Even in this small way, KCAHCE is helping our local people.

Right: Pin cushion Mason jar centerpieces are reminisc of HCE beginnings as Homemakers, the home-made cards are designed to keep communication "sew" easy for us all.



Forty-three people gathered for the Old-Fashioned Bed Turning. During the afternoon, the guests learned about quilts, the colors, competitions, and stories behind thirty individual quilts from Southport Quilters Guild.

The food served was purchased from small local businesses and assembled by the members of Country Cousins. Guests complimented the choice to use "real plates," too. This savings brought more than \$100 to our HCE scholarship fund.



The meal was prepared by Country Cousins members, Sandy Beth, Donna Duester, Regina LaForge, Marie Fischer, MaryAnn Messier and Priscilla Kopczynski in the church kitchen. Healthy food to offer and fun working together -- this is what HCE brings.



Kitty Plovovich of Southport Quilters narrates the afternoon, sharing about each creation. One guest remarked that she had never dreamed to learn so much about this craft in a couple hours' time. The Southport Quilters will have an open show at the Anderson Art Center from September 11-30, 2022. The show is open to the public from 1 – 4pm each day, excluding Sundays. For more info <https://www.southportquilters.net/>

April 30, 2022, Families Branching Out

Committee: Donna Deuster, Jerin Moore, and Donna Zarovy

HCE with cooperation from 35 community partners educated, entertained and involved about 350 community guests to a very full day. Taste of cheese offered by the milk marketing board with an invite to attend the dairy breakfast and a K-9 demonstration by the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department which was watched by over 90 people were favorites. Families lined up to learn about bees, HCE, CPR and first aid, and to get a library card from the bookmobile.



Over 30 vision screening yielded 5 referrals; speakers told us about healthcare power of attorney, the responsibility of owning pets, peace circles and responsible use of credit. 4-H ambassadors provided help as only super 4 H-ers can. They were invaluable.

Dozens of HCE members helped with set up, clean up and most importantly being great hosts during the day. Financial support from Thrivent Financial and Modern Woodman and a donation of Niagara water. We like to thank Mary Metten, April, and Chris for their invaluable help as well.

We are working to make this an annual event and for this we need your help. If you're interested, please reach out to us.



May 12, 2022, Creative Cooking for 1 or 2 in 2022

Tricia Richardson from the Good Neighbors Club provided helpful tips for managing our food shopping, storage and preparation. Since the average household throws away 30% of the food that they buy, we were encouraged to repurpose our produce, store our food appropriately and given ideas on how to utilize foods even if they are getting close to their expiration time.



Great presentation by Tricia Richardson (right) and her mother Linda Volling.



Tricia encouraged us to get creative with our cooking and to not always follow a written recipe but to try improvising and using foods that we enjoy. She explained how we could use one head of cabbage and create four different dishes. Chicken Salad Slaw, Egg Roll in a Bowl, Cabbage Rolls and Hearty Soup. She demonstrated how to make two of these recipe ideas.

After finely chopping the cabbage & red onion, she tossed together matchstick carrots and drained canned chicken with bottled creamy cilantro avocado salad dressing to create "Chicken Salad Slaw." A wonderful summer dish. Next, it was time to heat up the fry pan. After browning some ground beef, then adding chopped cabbage, red onion and carrots to cook, an Asian sesame dressing with ginger and soy was stirred in to make "Egg roll in a bowl." We sampled both of these delicious dishes.



Members in attendance also shared a few tips of their own. And we were reminded to get CREATIVE with our cooking!

May 12, 2022, Cultural Arts hosted by JJ's Club

The 2022 Cultural Arts Show had 19 entries. Our Judge, Sue Crane, was immensely impressed with all the fantastic work everyone did. She had so much fun judging the event and asked to come back next year. Her comments on the articles were heartwarming.

Everyone who entered received a ribbon and everyone has at least one article going on to the WAHCE Cultural Arts Competition at the WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference in September. The conference will be held at the Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska, September 19-21.

Each county is allowed 12 entries (one per category) plus one "Bonus" category entry. The following entries are going to the State Competition.

Donna Deuster, Knitting – Variegated garter stitch blanket

Gail Gillmore, Recycled Craft, Flowerpots

Regina LaForge, Oil Painting, White Lilacs

Regina LaForge, Cross Stitch, Garden Gate

Ruth Larson, Crocheted Afghan, Blue waves



Margaret McCabe, Glass Craft, Stained Glass – A Rainy Day

Jerin Moore, Handcrafted Doll/Toy, "Little Red"

Jerin Moore, Constructed Original, "Hattie"

Jerin Moore, Poem, The Quiet Time

Jack Moore, Heritage Skill, Bison Powder Horn

Donna Zarovy, Acrylic Painting, The Majestic Monarch

Donna Zarovy, Other Photo, Halloween Fun

There is an additional "Bonus Category" called "Rollin' on the River with HCE". Artists decorate an item that floats on the water. Jerin Moore's, Bonus Category entry called "River Rat" was selected.

The other entries and their placings were:

Donna Deuster, Bonus Category, Driftwood, Blue ribbon

Donna Deuster, Crocheted Afghan, Blue Crocheted Afghan, Red ribbon

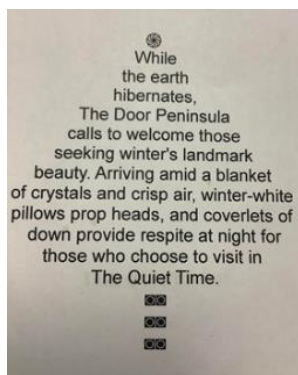
Jerin Moore, Recycled Craft, Greenie the Gonk, Red ribbon

Donna Deuster, Recycled Craft, Mixed Recycled button flowers, Red ribbon

Jerin Moore, Craft – Other, Herr Hassenpfeffer, Blue ribbon

Donna Deuster, Craft – Other, Fishing Flies, Red ribbon

The JJ's HCE Club was excited to host the event and equally impressed at the entries. We have completed the Committee Annual Report Form for the next committee with detailed instructions to help them conduct the show for 2023.



June 8, 2022, Summer Crafting of Ladybugs and Bumble Bees

Sherri Dabbs, of Crosstown Neighbors, and her husband Mike had the materials cut and bagged for each participant the moment they walked in the door of the room at the KCC.

Over sixty pre-cut pieces were needed for each wreath, so they had given hours to HCE before the event officially began.



Thirteen people, some are HCE members and some are friends of HCE members who may someday join us, spent a relaxing evening together.

Sherri's directions were clear and simple. Smiles and banter and fun camaraderie accompanied our moving fingertips as we folded and twisted and assembled our wreaths.



The photos share our contentment with the wreath results and the friendships created.



Scholarship Committee Report, Pat Perks, Committee Chair

Committee Members: Ruth Dehne, Rita Larson, Joyce Myers, and Rosella Wilson

Our Committee received five applications for the Family Membership Scholarship. The two applicants receiving the Scholarships are graduates from the high school class of 2022 and will be college student freshmen in the fall.

The winners this year are **Evan Beth** and **Rebecca Burkhalter**. It was a pleasure to phone each of these young students and give them the results that they would be receiving a \$1,000 Scholarship. We will present their Scholarship Certificates to them at our HCE Summer Indoor Picnic on Thursday, August 11, at 6 P.M.

Congratulations to both Evan and Rebecca and we also wish to thank our HCE members who put the work in to raise funds so we are able to continue this wonderful program.

Here is information about each of our winners:



EVAN DAVID BETH,

grandson of Sandy Beth of Country Cousins

Evan's field of study is "Business Management." He states in his application his desire to own his own Business in the future and feels the education that comes with this Degree will make a good foundation for the rest of his career. To quote Evan "I am willing to put in the work to be successful."

Evan plans to study at U.W. LaCrosse.



REBECCA BURKHALTER,

granddaughter of Julie Pringle of Country Cousins

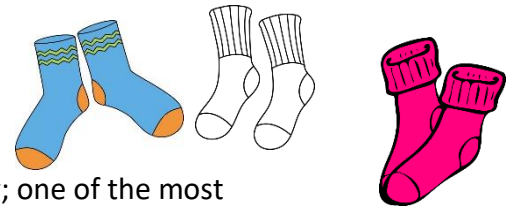
Rebecca's chosen field of study is "Nursing" because of her desire to help people. She is currently working as a CNA and sees the possible impact the healthcare field can make in one's life. She states she has empathy for others and wants to use her knowledge and ability to positively impact others' lives. Her objective is to earn an RN and go to graduate school and get her CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist).

Rebecca will be entering the U.W. Madison.

Scholarship Funding **through cookie sales is being discontinued.** The basket auction we had at the 2021 Fall Focus and other events were a great success. We will, therefore, be asking clubs to donate a basket – and bid – at this year's Fall Focus. If you cannot attend, please consider sending a donation for the scholarship fund to our Treasurer, Margaret McCabe. We can only award scholarships if they are funded.

Thank you – and I hope you will keep supporting this worthwhile endeavor.

2022 KCAHCE Community Service Project ... A Sock Drive!



The KCAHCE Sock Drive started in March. As we mentioned originally; one of the most requested items for local shelters is socks! To date Good Neighbor members Linda, Kim and Margaret have dropped off over **280** pair of socks to the Sharing Center in Trevor in early May. The donation included socks for kids, teens, and adults. We would like to send out a special thank you to all of those sending funds in for the drive and those bringing socks to various HCE events! We collected over \$150 to put toward the purchase of socks. A special thanks to Kim Brandes for doing the shopping with the funds sent in for sock purchases.

The Drive will continue with a collection at the Picnic. Just a reminder... know that any size; Babies, Toddlers, Kids, Teens, and Adults, are appreciated! The next gathered donation will be given to an organization in Kenosha as the intent of the drive was to help several different organizations in the County.

Not attending the Picnic, but want to help, feel free to mail a donation to Margaret McCabe at 9115 160th Avenue, Bristol 53104; made out to KCAHCE. Bulk purchases will be made with collected funds.

Want to shop but not attending the Picnic, please contact Margaret McCabe with the Good Neighbors at mm00004@aol.com or at (262)857-9115 to make arrangements for a drop-off.



Linda Volling, Margaret McCabe, and Kim Brandes delightfully show the donated collection to date. The sock drive continues at the August 11 picnic.

Feel free to contact Margaret McCabe with the Good Neighbors at mm00004@aol.com or at (262)857-9115 with any questions regarding the project.

Extension Line, Priscilla Kopczynski

Articles for our autumn Extension Line are due **September 15-25**. I will include any articles or photos received. Are you interested in editing our newsletter for 2023? **The position will be open** for any volunteers, no experience necessary.



Historian, April Kvitek

It has been another exciting year in HCE where we finally get to meet in person again! We have had interesting information meetings, wonderful craft nights and new members to our organization. Please continue to send me any pictures or articles that include HCE or our incredible members out in the community, even if the events are not HCE related.

On a separate note, **I will give up the position of Historian at the end of December.** Please consider this position, especially if you would enjoy documenting our organization for the future. Enjoy your summer!

International Committee, Donna Deuster (262) 332-0023

You probably think there is nothing new in international HCE, but our partners continue to grow and thrive because of us and their Wisconsin partners. We are collecting our pennies for them from your club and other gatherings. We are also awaiting some pictures we can post of their learning centers and participants. These women are turning the materials we send them and the skills they learn into profitable small businesses in their communities. From sewing (which you can see samples at the State Conference), baking, hairstyling and more. They are making a difference and so are we.

At this point we are only collecting small items which can be brought in a box to the state conference.

Suggested donation for small box;

- Organized threads, needles, pins, scissors, and such for sewing
- Measuring cups/spoons
- Small mixing bowls
- Hair care supplies (pins, rollers, brushes, combs, capes)

If we can arrange for a vehicle and road trip for a few of us to go to Stevens Point to drop off the donations. If you have bigger items or wish to be a part of a caravan to deliver them, please let me know.

Something to think about should there be interest to caravan:

- Working sewing machines
- Cutting boards
- Material and/or batting
- Cake pans and more



Program Planning, Jerin Moore, Ruth Larsen, Dorothy Merten, and Lynn Novy

The Program Committee has been working on program leads for the upcoming 2022 and 2023 calendars. Along with our HCE tried and true programs, we have numerous leads to continue to offer an interesting and balanced calendar of both day and nighttime offerings.

Your ideas, input and leadership skills are always welcomed, so please don't be shy. Our schedule will be unveiled at our "Fall Back to the 50's Fall Focus", so if you have an idea/lead for a program, or craft you'd like to lead there's still time. Please pass along, and we'll do the rest.

Book club anyone?

If you might be interested in a quarterly book club starting in the fall, let me know. An organizational meeting will be scheduled for July to look at selections and logistics. Please text or email me with your favored contact. A date will be chosen after I hear from you, HCE members and potential book clubbers.

Donna Deuster 262 332 0022

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Wisconsin Bookworms Project, Heidi Nevoso and Donna Zarovy



The reading for the 2021-22 Wisconsin Bookworms project is over. It was another challenging year, but we did it – we were able to reach about 200 children in the Head Start program. That is quite an accomplishment.

The number of classrooms has decreased at the Chavez Center as students have been allowed all day opportunities instead of half day. To maintain around the 200 student mark we will be adding Brass Head Start for the upcoming year in addition to Wilmot and Chavez Center Head Start classrooms.

Books for 2022-23 have been selected. The cost is about the same as this year – about \$16.00 per set. They will be announced soon.

Funding for our project has received a great boost. Donna wrote grant requests to the Lions Foundation and the Greater Kenosha Community Foundation. We received word that our requests were funded. We received \$500 by the Lions Foundation and \$1,500 from the Greater Kenosha Community Foundation.

Additional funding has come from a \$50 donation by former member Lois Van Dahm in honor of Jerin Moore's birthday. Earlier this year we received a memorial from Sheila Stohr's family.

Thank you to our readers. And a big thank you to all of you who have donated your time and monetary contribution to this project.

WAHCE State Conference, Monday-Wednesday, September 19-21, Onalaska, WI

The 2022 WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference, "Rollin' on the River". is being held in Onalaska, WI, September 19 – 21. We will convene at the Stoney Creek Inn in Onalaska starting at noon on Monday and end with a luncheon banquet on Wednesday. There are five sets of workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Monday, there will be afternoon tours and an evening banquet to open the conference. Tour #1 will be a Mississippi LaCrosse Queen Boat Tour. Tour #2 is a trolley tour of the sites of LaCrosse and a walk through the International Gardens and Riverside Park. Tour #3 is to the UW-LaCrosse Planetarium and Granddad's Bluff. The Tour #4 is an exclusive Pearl Street Brewery tour. If you don't want to go on a tour on Monday, you can do a watercolor painting and greeting cards at the hotel.



Registration information is available on the WAHCE website or in the UPDATE. The hotel is quickly filling, and several workshops have reached capacity. So if you plan to go, please sign up soon. The conference is a lot of fun, a great place to network, and see the LaCrosse area. Jerin and I would love to have you come along – it could be a great girl's weekend.



HCE 101: Associated Country Women of the World Report, Chris Werner

ACWW sent out a newsletter in May, which detailed some major decisions made at their board meeting in February (note the new logo). In recent years, income has not continued to grow sufficiently to sustain them, due to inflation, declining membership numbers, all brought to a head by the Covid pandemic.

While ACWW's financial reserves remain healthy, they want to ensure they have sufficient funds to continue their advocacy for women in addition to their well-known projects work. They are ,therefore, phasing out Pennies for Friendship and the Women Empowered Fund and replacing them with the 'Rural Women in Action Fund.'

From 2023 they will fund fewer projects, but with a similar annual level of spending, meaning more money per project. This gives potential for projects to run over a longer-term, especially agricultural projects, ensuring they really are sustainable. There will be capacity building and education alongside the project, along with measurable impact and effect evaluation. They can chart success, find and address obstacles before they become problems, safeguarding investments and improving the quality of their UN and advocacy work with the input of project participants. To learn more, go to acww.org.uk

New Members Debra Davies and Ruth Beth

Debra Davies of Merry Makers

I, Debra Davies, learned about HCE from my neighbor Dorothy Merten. I live in the city of Kenosha in the same condo complex as Dorothy. My grandmother was a member of Homemakers which I believe was a predecessor of HCE.

I enjoy hiking in the woods and antiques. I am a fall person, and like both dogs and cats.

I grew up in the Milwaukee area and moved to Kenosha in 1992. I always thought I wanted to be a veterinarian because I love animals and science. I did not become a veterinarian, but I majored in chemistry in college. I have been to one KCAHCE event, the tea and quilt show, and I enjoyed it very much.



Ruth Beth of Bristol Club

Our newest Bristol member is RUTH BETH. (Yes, she and Sandra are sister in laws!) Rosella Wilson invited Ruth to our Mary Bradford program because she knew Ruth is friends with Mary Norris, our storyteller.

Ruth is a west of the "I" gal, lives on Hwy E, and worked in Public Relations at Great Lakes for 38 years. She enjoys crafts and traveling and is often on the go with her husband. While taking her photograph at the Cracker Barrel gift shop, I asked her to stand by the nearby stuffed turtle, and in her energetic, happy way, Ruth replied, "Oh, I like turtles, and frogs too!" Well Ruth, we are happy to have your riveting spirit in our club and in KCAHCE! Welcome from all!

Help Wanted – President-Elect for 2023

The Fall Association Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Fall Focus event. The main topic is finding a President-Elect. The President-Elect serves a one-year term as President-Elect and then two years as President.

The duties of the President-Elect are set forth in the By-Laws of our organization:

- A. Shall serve as a member of the Executive Board.
- B. Attend the five Executive Board meetings and two Association meetings.
- C. Serve as Chair of the By-Laws/Handbook Revision Committee in the odd numbered years.
- D. Reviews minutes of all Executive Board and Association meetings within one week of receipt from Secretary, makes any necessary corrections and forwards response to Secretary.
- E. Serves on Budget Committee.
- F. Shall assume such other duties as shall be assigned by the President.
- G. Serves as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

More Help Wanted Soon – A new Historian and new Extension Line editor. See the committee reports for more information on these positions as well.

Join us and begin
planning AHEAD *for the end of this life*

What is Planning AHEAD?
Planning AHEAD is a 7-session course (90 minutes each) that guides participants through the topics on the right.
This course features a free workbook to help people with the tasks and decisions associated with end-of-life.


Who is the program for?
This program is for people who:
• Are interested in planning for the end of life to make things easier for family members
• Have lost a loved one
• Are in the process of losing a loved one and are dealing with the transition

When is the program?
TUESDAYS: SEPTEMBER 13 - OCTOBER 25
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Online (Virtual class)
REGISTER BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
at <http://go.wisc.edu/SoAHEAD>

Contact us for more information
Mary Metten
Health & Well-Being Educator
Extension Kenosha County
Calling 262-857-1946
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planning AHEAD PROGRAM TOPICS

- Getting Started
- Handling Financial Changes
- Advance Medical and Legal Directives
- Estate Planning
- Choices in End-of-Life Care
- Final Wishes
- Understanding Grief

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Out and About in our Community

Regina LaForge (right) and Priscilla Kopczynski built their forearm muscles and showed their friendliness to hundreds as they served eggs, pancakes, and syrup at the Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast on June 18.

Please send photos of members serving our community as you can. When you help others, we would like to read about it. Volunteers are the heart of our organization.

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars

Adventures in the Peace Corps

-Michael LaForge

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 1 pm, KCC

Ever consider the Peace Corps as an option for travel?

Hear Michael LaForge share tales and experiences of time in Moldova. Unsure you could locate Moldova on a globe? That's one more reason to attend. Learn the how's and why's of helping humanity across our world from the perspective of one Bristol native.



FALL BACK To The 50's



HCE 50'S CASSEROLE PARTY

scholarship baskets?

- *Basket auction for Scholarship Fund
- *Committee Sign-ups
- *Election of 2023 President-Elect

Fall Focus Step Back in Time to 1951

October 16, 2022, noon registration. 12:30 meal

Old Fashion Casserole Buffet

\$20.00 per person

Cup O' Joe at their new soon-to-be-disclosed location in Twin Lakes

**We will celebrate KCAHCE's 70th Anniversary with
a walk down memory lane in clothing and casseroles!**

We will step back in time to 1951 – wear your vintage 1951 clothing – dress with petticoat or apron or hat to share with everyone. Prizes will be awarded for different categories.

Registration form and flyer will be distributed after July 21.
Would you consider helping with the auctioneering of the

- *2023 Program Debut
- *Photo op on the "Friends" authentic couch

*The board and officers want to
hear your thoughts, want to
work with you.
Contact these four women any
time with any concerns.*

2022 Kenosha County HCE Officers, contact us any time.

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Secretary Gail Gilmore, gailgillmore@wi.rr.com, 262-857-242

What Can You Do Now?

- ❖ *Mark all the upcoming dates on your personal calendar.*
- ❖ *Look again at all the smiles on page after page of this edition of the Extension Line. Our organization has much to offer and you can be a part of the action.*
- ❖ *We have both fun events and educational times open for everyone. Invite your friends to our gatherings.*
- ❖ *Read again about the last few months of HCE and join us for the events planned for the rest of 2022.*
- ❖ *Do you still own an apron? Find your 1950's skirts to lovingly wear to our Fall Focus.*
- ❖ *Do you love to read? Maybe the book club which is being organized is for you. Reread page 9.*
- ❖ *Volunteer for the President – Elect.*
- ❖ *Volunteer for the roles of Historian or Extension Line editor.*