



A Few Words from President Donna Zarovy

Happy New Year! Hope 2023 is filled with good health, lots of fun and more new KCAHCE members.

A warm welcome to our seven new members:

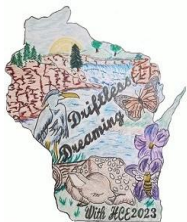
- Bristol Club: Teri Constant, Mary Flanagan, Vee O’Neal, Mary Starr and Jennie Tunkieicz
- JJ’s Club: Claudia Gray and Marcia Richards

To learn more about them, see the highlights from these two clubs in this newsletter.

I hope many of you will attend the KCAHCE Annual Meeting on January 21st. Prior to the meeting Lila Muhlenbeck will lead us to make scarves and hats for residents of Southern Colony. We will cut them out, make the fringe on the scarves and then she will take the hats home and sew them. I know they will greatly appreciate them. Great idea Lila. Can’t wait to help.

We have a lot of great programs for 2023. Jerin Moore and her committee have worked hard and come up with some new and innovative classes. They have begun work on the 2024 programs and look forward to ideas from everyone. Give Jerin a call if you have a program to suggest – or a speaker.

Everyone will receive their 2023 Program Book and Membership Directory at the Annual Meeting. It contains the programs for next year, the listing of clubs, list of our members and other information. There is room to add new members later in the year.



Driftless Dreaming -- The WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference will be held September 19th – 21st at the Clarion Hotel and Wintergreen Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. There are usually about 250 HCE members from all over the state. Registration starts in May, but hotels may be booked now. The registration fee is \$160, including meals, and hotel rooms start at \$75 a night.

There will be tours and about 30 different workshops. Jerin and I have gone the last couple of years and we hope to have a greater Kenosha County contingency. Please think about it.

I look forward to 2023 and working with all of you. The positions of Secretary, President Elect and Vice President are all up for election this fall. I hope some of you will step up. Position descriptions are in the 2022-2023 Handbook that all Club Presidents and Committee Chairs received.

See you all soon!

Donna Zarovy, KCAHCE President

How to find us:

- ❖ On Facebook: [Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education](#). Find county info, 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/> contains information specific to Kenosha County.

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2023 KCAHCE Programs

The 2023 Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education Program Planning Committee has created the following programs for us in 2023.



- **January 21**, 10:30AM-2PM, KCC, Service Project w/Lila Muhlenbeck, Pizza Lunch, Annual Kenosha HCE Association Meeting begins at 12:30 pm
- **February 2**, 1PM, KCC, Mary Metten, "Getting Started on Advance Care Planning"
- **March 2**, 1PM, KCC, "Tiny Hooves Farm Sanctuary"
- **April 13**, 4:30/5PM Birchwood Grill, Amy Wiza, Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners Director, Spring International Event
- **April 29**, 2nd Families Branching Out Event at the Kenosha County Center
- **May 4**, 7PM KCC, Sarah Agena, Wisconsin Beef Council, "It's Beef Month!" Possible Cultural Arts Show at 6pm.
- **June 1**, 7PM, KCC, Donna Deuster, "Places 2 Go Things 2 Do Within 100 Miles".
- **August 10**, 5PM Birchwood Grill, Kamp KCAHCE Pic-IN-ic
- **September 7**, 10:30 AM, Matthias Academy, Benet Lake Abbey, Bristol, WI.
- **October 14**, Noon, Fall Focus, TBD
- **November 2**, 1PM, KCC, Westosha Floral, "Deck the Halls"
- **December** Seasons Greetings!

KCC: Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th Street, Bristol WI 53104 at Hwy 50/45

For questions about the 2023 Programs, please contact: Jerin Moore, KCAHCE Vice President at 262-697-3459



Save the Date!

April 29, 2023 – Families Branching Out

Plans are well underway for Families Branching Out 2023. It will be on Saturday, April 29th from 10am to 2 pm at the Kenosha County Center in Bristol. Save the date and invite anyone of any age you know. Our new and improved list of exhibitors is still in progress, with some great new booths.

If you have an idea for an educational exhibitor, planning the event, setting up prior to the event, helping with activities on the day of the event, or cleaning up afterwards, please contact Donna D. at 262-332-0023.

In 2022, our first year, we had over 200 attendees visiting booths including an HCE Booth with Bookworms activities, vision screening by the Paddock Lake Lions Club, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts had hands-on things for the kids to do. The Bookmobile and Bristol Fire Department had trucks at the County Center, the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit gave a demo, line dancing, and various other activities. Many of these are returning this year along with new ones. Please plan to attend. Your hands and hearts are greatly appreciated.

Our 2022 Families Branching Out event received a Services of Love award from the State HCE Association which included a check for \$100 – these funds will help fund this year's program. Thank you to the volunteers for 2022. We look forward to working with you again this year.



November Education Program

Nine members attended the 'Gnome for the Holidays', program at the KCC. The program goal was to craft a yarn gnome ornament using remnant materials and commonplace recyclables. After Jeri shared gnome lore and varying styles, the two-step process was explained.

Each participant left with a completed yarn gnome ornament, for tree or package embellishment. Mary Metten, Health and Wellness Educator assisted with technology, allowing the group to watch visuals and learn from concise YouTube directions. And Donna

Deuster and Jeri Moore were on hand to assist with techniques.

The tutorials were:

1. Shaggy Beard Gnome https://you.tube/w_tlyH55VeU
2. Pom Pom Gnome https://youtube.com/watch?v=LAHXM9Ckl_E&feature=share

Some participants took supplies home to make more, and to teach their friends and grandchildren. A good time was had by all.



Bristol Club December Meeting



The Bristol Club gathered in December to celebrate and bring in the season! Bristol President, Joann Kevek brought a fun holiday word scramble, Jeri Moore bedecked the restaurant tables to set a festive mood; Christmas cards were exchanged, and the January Association meeting was discussed.

As we ate, we got to know each other better, especially our three new members: MARY STARR, COVETRUS (Vee) O'NEAL and TERI CONSTANT. All are former RN-LPN etc. colleagues in the nursing field

who worked together, along with Bennie Oass at some point. Bennie was a Recreation Director at the varying facilities, and it was thru her invite that the women joined KCAHCE.

- These women's footprints are scattered throughout Kenosha, including floors at Washington Manor, St. Joe's Nursing Home and Kenosha Hospital to name a few.
- Mary and Teri were born in Kenosha. Vee in the very tip of Southern Illinois.
- Mary and Teri have been Friendly Visitors with KAFASI, and Mary and Vee are both in the Ethnic Elders group.
- Mary loves gardening and cards. Raised two God children and has a cat named Abby.
- Vee is a theater buff and fashionista. She has 11 brothers and sisters; went to an all Blackhigh school and her class was the first one to integrate into a white school in 1968. She has 4 children to include twin boys.
- Teri enjoys gardening, genealogy, reading and art; and has three girls nearby with six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



We are so happy to have 'Bennies Buddies' in the KCAHCE Bristol Club and welcome them warmly! You can be assured that laughter abounds at our meetings!



Jennie Tunkieicz, daughter of Mary Tunkieicz, also joined Bristol HCE but after our December meeting. Many of us remember Jennie as the assistant to County Executive Jim Kreuser, and her challenging role as a news reporter. Jennie is retired, enjoys traveling, and was recently named Kenoshan of the Year. We welcome Jennie and her vitality to our club. She is pictured here with her mom and her husband. Note: *Mary is currently at Willowbrook Assisted Living, 3508 Washington Road, Kenosha, WI 53144, and would appreciate hearing from fellow HCE members.*

New Bristol Club member, Mary Flanagan grew up in Chicago. Her many hats after moving to Arlington Heights area included nurse, middle school science teacher and keeper of the Fine China and Crystal at Marshall Fields, Woodfield. A mother of four with five grandkids she and hubby moved to Racine a few years ago for retirement. Mary enjoys gardening, beekeeping and exploring the many great restaurants and sites in her new area. She is a Board member with Racine Kenosha Bee Keepers and 'manned' their booth at our KCAHCE Families Branching Out event last April. Jeri Moore has kept in touch with Mary and recently asked her to join our group.



~Jeri Moore

Country Cousins HCE Club



Discussion: January book club meeting at the Salem Library, February volunteering at the Veterans' Home in Union Grove, Christmas plans and Christmas memories, emailing the Extension Line to past members to help them see what is happening and to maybe return, and collections ... "I collect angels." "I collect snowmen." "I collect dust". Yes, lively conversations happen when Country Cousins members share time around a table.

JJ's HCE Club

Members of the JJ's Club met at the Charcoal Grill in Burlington to celebrate the holidays. We exchanged Christmas memories, gifts and decided on a service project for our February meeting.

New member Claudia Gray (first on the left) was in attendance. Another new member, Marcia Richards was unable to attend, but is looking forward to working on the Extension Line and participating in HCE events.



Claudia and Marcia are both retired and long-time friends of Donna Z. Claudia lives in Trevor, is married to Jim, has two daughters and three grandsons who she enjoys spending lots of time with. You may remember her as a clerk at the old First National Bank on the corner of 45 and 50. She worked for medical collection companies in Mundelein and Libertyville. She likes to sew and visit her oldest daughter in North Carolina. She also taught Sunday School and the Boys & Girls Club at Chain O'Lakes Community Bible Church.

Marcia and her husband Dale live near Bohner's Lake. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Marcia likes to garden and spend time with her grandchildren. Attending their sports events is a treat. She joined HCE because she wanted to be involved in something and accepted an invitation from Donna to come one of their meetings. "The JJ's members are fun, and the upcoming programs look like something right up my alley," Marcia stated.

Fall Focus 2022

The end of our 70th KCAHCE Year was celebrated with a 'Throwback to the 50's Fall Focus' at Cup O' Joe Coffee House. This event was organized by the Bristol and JJ's Clubs; to not only divide responsibilities among more members but also to create new interactive friendships.



We can't thank the Team at Cup O' Joe enough for their cooperation and 'groovy- great' help in their assistance for this milestone celebration! Complemented with foods of the 50's, our retro event took us back to days of our 1951 inception in Kenosha County, and the days of our youth. Even our 97 year young member, Edna Krueger couldn't say enough about the food, fun and 'f.r.i.e.n.d.s' environment!

We successfully rekindled memories, friendships, had fun and raised money through our scholarship auction baskets. Member milestones were recognized, to include: 65-year, 30-year, and 10 years. And those who dressed in '50s attire were judged County Fair style and awarded prizes as our 'Blue Ribbon' winners.



Because of its milestone party theme, each member received a 'Down Memory Lane' Goodie Bag. The note on the bag read: "Hey girl-ly-o/Dad-i-o! Over the years we've cooked up many unique program blends in KCAHCE to educate, inform and provide community engagement. We are grateful for YOU and the 'ingredients' each of you have added to bring us to today. For we are nothing without you, and your part in KCAHCE cannot be MEASURED. We value our friendships to the 'MOON' and back. Happy 70-TEA-eth Anniversary KCAHCE!

More than anything, we had fun with a purpose!

Jerin Moore, Bristol Club



Help Wanted – Additional Readers for 2023-24 School Year

This is the 25th year of Wisconsin Bookworms and it is never too late to become a Bookworms reader. The books are chosen through the partnership of Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education (WAHCE) and the University of Wisconsin Division of Extension Family Living Program. There are seven books in the set which are provided to each child.



Funding for the books is provided by you! There have been generous donations from our members, community individuals, and memorials to fund the cost of the books for each student. Also, we have had wonderful, generous grants provided by Greater Kenosha Community Foundation, St. Mary's Church, the Paddock Lake Lions Club, and other community organizations throughout this year. Thanks to Donna Z. for being our grant writer on behalf of KCAHCE and our students!

Readers spend about 30 minutes per month in the classroom with the students reading and reviewing the book provided and doing a short activity. You may use the activity sheet provided as a guide for ideas for the activity.


We are reading in Wilmot, Chavez Center and the Brass School Head Start programs for a total of about 195 students. We have the books and would like to expand to more schools; therefore, we need more readers. The makeup of classrooms has changed due to Covid. These changes require us to also change our participation. Thank you to our current readers – Donna D, Donna P., Ruth R., Gail B., Colleen F., Sharon R., and Julie S.

If you are interested in becoming a reader, please contact me at 262-325-3250. We are looking for readers now so that we may coordinate the program for 2023-24 and allow time to meet with readers so they may be prepared for fall.

Heidi Nevoso and Donna Zarovy

Lake County IL HCE Invite: 2023 KCAHCE Scholarships

It's Game Time



Come Join In
February 16, 2023
11:30 AM – 2 PM

Games to Play
(Board, Dice, Tiles, Table-Top, Cards, Word)

Fellowship and Fun
LCAHCE members, friends and family are welcome
Variety of games provided by LCAHCE committee
(Tensy, Rumikub, Checkers, Decks of Cards, Dominoes, Puzzles, etc.)

If you wish:

- ☛ Bring a lunch to enjoy before games start at 12 Noon
- ☛ Bring your own game and players
- ☛ Or, just watch and learn

Please Register: call 847-223-8627

Event Location:
U of I Extension Building, 100 S. US Route 45, Grayslake, IL
Call or Text Pat Weitzmann with questions.

Kenosha HCE will once again offer scholarships to family members of our members. Two applications were in the Club folders at the Association Meeting. If anyone would want the scholarship forms mailed or emailed to them, please let me know. The deadline for submission is March 31st.

The amount of the scholarships and number to be awarded will be decided by the Committee when they meet to select the recipients. If possible, scholarship winners will be announced at the Spring International Event on April 13th.

Thank you.

Donna Zarovy, KCAHCE Association Assistant
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New Extension Line Staff

Last Saturday Marcia Richards and Donna Zarovy met at Donna's house and worked on this issue of the newsletter.

They both have knowledge of the Word program and enjoyed putting together this newsletter.

If anyone has any ideas for articles, please let us know. Also, we encourage clubs to submit articles and pictures from their meetings.

A special thank you to KCAHCE members who helped assemble this newsletter and the program books for distribution at the annual meeting on January 21st.

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