



## A Few Words from President Donna Zarovy

Happy Almost Spring! My daffodils are growing and peaking through the snow. I was in Champaign, IL, last week and there they are in bloom. So, there is hope!

**April 16-22 is National Volunteer Week.** During this week we celebrate our volunteers – the time, talent, and energy they share to strengthen the fabric of our community. Volunteering helps us find friendship, develop trust, and gain belonging. We become more deeply connected to our community and create a sense of unity.



I would like to personally thank every KCAHCE member for their service and support of our organization. A super thanks to our Executive Board: Jerin Moore, Vice President, Gail Gillmore, Secretary, and Margaret McCabe, Treasurer, for going above and beyond to make KCAHCE so great!

The core committee of Donna Deuster, Jerin Moore and myself, have been working tirelessly to coordinate Families Branching Out. We are excited about the vendors and really look forward to the event. See the Families Branching Out article later in this Extension Line. It will be bigger and better than ever!

Kenosha County UW-Extension continues to support Kenosha HCE. A lot of counties in Wisconsin do not have this support. We thank Pamela Johnson, Mary Metten and April Webb.



I am excited about the Milaeger’s Money for Scholarships (Flower Power) campaign. I think it is a great way to beautify our yards and help our family members. As the HCE Creed says, “to promote the welfare of our boys and girls, the nation’s greatest asset”. By selling Mileaeger’s Money we are attempting to do just that.

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. Call me or any Executive Board Member if you have any questions or wish to run.

See you all soon!

Donna Zarovy, KCAHCE President



MaryAnn Messier of the Country Cousins Club gives an HCE NEW F.R.I.E.N.D.S welcome to new members

- Bristol Club: Kristin Kerpec and Karen Russo
- Merrymakers Club: Jill Montgomery

### April Extension Line

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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.

- **April 13**, 4:30/5PM Birchwood Grill, Amy Wiza, Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners Director, Spring International Event
- **April 29**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Families Branching Out Event at the Kenosha County Center
- **May 4**, 7 PM KCC, Pollinator Patches, Kristi Heuser, Pollinator Patch Program Manager Root-Pike Win
- **June 1**, 7 PM, KCC, Donna Deuster, "Places 2 Go Things 2 Do Within 100 Miles".
- **August 10**, 5 PM Birchwood Grill, Kamp KCAHCE Pic-IN-ic
- **September 7**, 10:30 AM, Matthias Academy, Benet Lake Abbey, Bristol.
- **October 14**, Noon, Fall Focus, Casa Capri Restaurant, Kenosha
- **November 2**, 1 PM, 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

## Help Wanted – Additional Readers for 2023-24 School Year

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year of Wisconsin Bookworms. 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 UW Division of Extension Family Living Program. There are seven books in the set provided to each child.

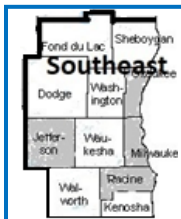


Readers spend about 30 minutes per month in the classroom with the students reading and reviewing the book provided and doing a short activity. You may use the activity sheet provided as a guide for ideas for the activity. Funding for the books is provided by you!

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. 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 so readers may be prepared for fall.

Heidi Nevoso and Donna Zarovy



As part of the Southeast District, Kenosha County HCE will be assisting with the 2024 WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference. Right now, there is a contest to design the conference logo. The theme is "Enjoy the Magic of HCE". If anyone would like to submit a design for the logo, please let me know. Designs are due to Donna Z. by April 17<sup>th</sup>. The 2024 logo will be chosen at the SE District Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## How to Find KCAHCE:

- ❖ On Facebook: **Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education**: find county information, local happenings, and any changes to our calendar.
- ❖ On the state website: <https://wahceinc.org/> contains information and forms for all Wisconsin counties.
- ❖ On the county website: <https://wahceinc.org/kenosha-county-hce/> contains information specific to Kenosha County.



## April 29, 2023 – Families Branching Out

Scheduled for Saturday, April 29th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Families Branching Out is being organized by Donna Deuster, Chair; Jerin Moore and Donna Zarovy: with oversight from Mary Metten, UW Health and Well Being Educator. The group is excited to bring City and County together for this FREE family day of fun and exploration ~ celebrating April as 'Strengthening Families Month'. KCAHCE models volunteerism and shares our varied resources.

Some forty plus interactive booths, demos, and seminars will encompass the County Center, to include: a live beehive from the Racine Kenosha Beekeepers! Lions Vision Screening, Child ID, free crafts, Kenosha County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit, Visitor's Center, Wisconsin Bookworms and more!

Seminars to date include:

- Water Safety
- Internet Safety
- Peace Learning Circles
- Sharing Center Services
- Line Dancing

Participants can

- Find rocks hidden by Indian Trail Rocks!
- Watch the Kite Guy fly High!
- See Fire & Rescue up close
- Sign up for a library card/sign out a book!
- Meet the Fairest of the Fair Queens!
- Be a rain cloud in the Root Pike WIN Storm H<sub>2</sub>O Tent
- Learn about Tiny Hooves Rescue
- 4-H Rabbit Showmanship, and more!



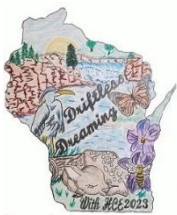
FBO Committee:  
Donna Deuster, Jerin Moore  
Donna Zarovy



Although this event is FREE, we encourage a donation of a non-perishable for The Trevor Sharing Center.

**HCE members and friends: Please consider volunteering by contacting a committee member for Friday (3pm) or Saturday room set (9am), and/or Saturday 10 to 12 noon or 12 to 2PM shifts. We'll help find a good match! Choose from hostessing, HCE craft and reading corner, cleanup, and more.**

Submitted by Jerin Moore



## Driftless Dreaming

The WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference will be held September 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

Check out the 2023 WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference website at: [www.wahceinc.org](http://www.wahceinc.org) and look for Conference Information which will be available after May 1st.

## Bristol HCE Club

The Bristol Club met at the Fireside restaurant in March, enjoyed the flickering fire and Monday half price pizza. Now up to 15 members, the group had fun getting to know each other.

Jeri gave a brief 'HCE 101', discussed our Milaegers 'Flower Power' fundraiser, FAMILIES BRANCHING OUT and the Tiny Hooves program. Each member went home with a Flower Power form, doggie bags and a happy heart.

We heard some interesting stories about our soon to be 98 year young member, had a show and tell of Joann's 'sticker book' hobby, and shared our most memorable St Pat's memory. Deciding we liked the Fireside, we will return there for our April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Bristol Club is proud to welcome Kristin Kerpec and Karen Russo to our group. Although some of us are older, and some newer~ together we are stronger!

*Submitted by Jerin Moore*



*Bristol Club President, Joann Kevek, 'movin and a groovin' at our retro Fall Event, welcomes all to ask her HOW to JOIN HCE NOW!*

## Good Neighbors HCE CLUB



*Community Service Project* – A recap was given of the many towels and blankets donated to the Tiny Hooves Sanctuary at the March 2nd Educational Meeting. The items were turned over to the Tiny Hooves representative who did the presentation. Her vehicle was PACKED to say the least! It was a wonderful gathering of items that should last them quite some time.

*Families Branching Out* – Holly, Luisa, and Margaret volunteered to help on Saturday 4/29 for the morning shift. Holly and Luisa in the Kids Craft Room and Margaret in the Hospitality Room. It will be held April 29, 2023, at the KCC.

*Fall Focus 2023* Information was shared about the arrangements with Stella's Casa Capri, 2129 Birch Road, Kenosha, WI 53140 on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>. The location has been secured and the menu and pricing will be determined later. It was agreed that we will have a "Fall" theme and decor.

There will be a Basket Auction at Fall Focus. To raise additional funds with the Basket Auction, we discussed a "Jelly" making day at Margaret's to make jelly to sell at the Fall Focus, since it seems to always be a big hit. We also chatted about doing some homemade baked goods to have for sale at the event, since many of the members no longer do much baking.

*Community Service Committee* - It was agreed upon that our focus for 2023 will be providing for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace program that benefits Kenosha and Racine Counties. They have a wish list on their website where they specifically ask for brand new sheets, pillows, and comforters to be used with the beds they build and deliver. Good Neighbors will do collections at the Summer Picnic and at the Fall Focus. Plans are to distribute a flyer at the Spring event on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Submitted by Margaret McCabe*

## JJ's HCE Club

The JJ's met on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Pat Perks. For roll call, everyone described their ancestry because Friday was St. Patrick's Day. It was surprising how many had Irish descendants.

A letter from Hospice Alliance was read thanking us for our monetary Christmas gift.



Almost all of us plan to attend the April 13<sup>th</sup> Nicaragua Program. We discussed what items could be brought, the menu, and the layout for the event.

Several members plan to volunteer for Families Branching Out on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed to set up on Friday from 3 to 5, and Saturday starting at 9 am to about 3.

Milaeger's Money for scholarships: Forms were handed out and we reviewed the letter explaining the program. Several of us plan to purchase the certificates.

The next meeting will be April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

*Submitted by Pat Perks*

## March Education Program "Tiny Hooves Sanctuary"



Twenty-three KCAHCE members and guests turned out for our March educational program at the Kenosha County Center! Guest speaker, Sandi Swiss, VP of Tiny Hooves Sanctuary, shared a video and PowerPoint about the 33 acre Union Grove Sanctuary; that provides a forever home to 23 species and over 100 resident farmed animals; many of whom have had ugly pasts.

Among other things, we learned:

- how the sanctuary began
- where they are going
- what they've done to date
- what we can do to help



Focusing on individual care, each resident is helped socially, emotionally, and physically -- each has a name and their own story. The Rescue aims to educate about on-farm animal care, the animal's individuality, facts of the animal ag industry and veganism. And are changing hearts through their efforts.

Many thanks to the Good Neighbors Club for organizing a collection of blankets and towels for the Sanctuary, and to all who donated.



## International Event, April 13th

We are looking forward to our upcoming International themed Spring Event scheduled for Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>, featuring Amy Wiza, Director of WIN/P- Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners of the Americas program. Please RSVP to Jeri ASAP.

The event will be held at Birchwood Grill, 7515 125<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha WI, starting at 4:30PM. There will be a market of assorted artisan items from Nicaraguan Learning Centers. The evening will include, Nicaraguan Buffet followed by a program about this long-standing WIN/P partnership between Wisconsin and Nicaragua that was founded in 1952 by President Kennedy.



## April is Strengthening Families Month

Mary Metten, Health & Well-Being Educator, Extension Kenosha County

April is Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month throughout the country. Wisconsin's Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board focuses the awareness month to emphasize strengthening families. Research has shown the most effective way to prevent child abuse and neglect is to provide support to families so children can grow in an environment that supports their well-being.



Here in Kenosha County, the Safe Kids Strong Families Campaign works to raise awareness and hold events throughout the month to build a healthy, safe, and thriving community for children.

### Celebrating Strengthening Families Month

- Guardians of the Children pinwheel garden event at the Kenosha County Job Center was on April 1<sup>st</sup> – pinwheels will be on display throughout April.
- Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) events are on April 5, 12, and 19<sup>th</sup> (RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9fuetz>).
- Family dinner and game night at the Kenosha County Job Center on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5PM (RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/mwpsfacf>).
- The annual 5K Family Fun Run/Walk at Kemper Center on April 23<sup>rd</sup> (RSVP at <https://forms.gle/L3S2ftTec61eWYbW7>).
- The Connie Reyes Award ceremony will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4PM at the Kenosha County Job Center. This annual award recognizes local excellence in child abuse and neglect prevention work.
- The Families Branching Out resource fair will be held at the Kenosha County Center in Bristol on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10-2PM.

To keep up to date on all of the events and opportunities to get involved throughout April, visit the Safe Kids Strong Families Facebook page at <facebook.com/SKSFKeno>.

## A Warm Welcome to...



Pam Larson the new Area Extension Director (AED) for Kenosha and Racine Counties. Pam previously served as the Positive Youth Development Educator for Extension in Racine County overseeing the Youth in Governance (YIG) Program, Juntos College and Career Readiness Program, and participated in state and local initiatives related to youth mental health. Prior to her role at Extension, Pam held multiple educational administration roles at the elementary, middle, high school, and district level in Walworth County. In addition, she taught middle school in Lake Geneva, WI, and Phoenix, AZ.

"Kenosha County Extension provides a wealth of quality programming for Kenosha County residents. I am honored and delighted that in my new position as Area Extension Director for Racine and Kenosha Counties I continue to work with Extension Educators, staff, and county partners. Working as a team, we will maintain and extend our positive impact in the county through Extension programs and collaborations."

Pam embraces the purpose of University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension, "We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging them in transforming lives and communities."



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## 2023 Program Book Corrections or Additions:

### Additional Club Members:

- Bristol Club: Mary Flanagan, Kristin Kerpec and Karen Russo
- Merry Makers: Jill Montgomery
- JJ's: Diane Walkington from Crosstown Neighbors
- Crosstown Neighbors: Remove Sherry Dabbs, Christine Lemke and Pamela Roe and Gene Rowell
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Program is Pollinator Patches

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## WAHCE International News:

“Orange the World” will be the new 2023 topic/focus for the WAHCE International Conference Workshop.

What does "Orange the World" mean? ~ "A brighter world, free of violence" ~serving as a means of demonstrating solidarity in eliminating all forms of violence. Thus, orange is used as the color for International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

“Orange the World” is being supported by ACWW and is one of the resolutions being proposed by ACWW which will be voted on in Malaysia. Since there are only two issue-oriented resolutions, Lylene Scholz, WAHCE International Chair, is quite certain of its adoption. Thus, she is planning on the theme of "Orange the World" for the State Conference International workshop.



Lylene has worked with Lori to get a button designed and ordered 250 buttons. I've now received some buttons, and will bring to our April Sheboygan District meeting Lylene is also looking for a WAHCE Conference speaker.



### Ventures in People: Helping Haitians Help Themselves...

Lylene has received a note from Ventures in People along with two student pictures. The note read “Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace,” which is a quote from Confucius. The note thanks us for investing in the education of a child or children in Haiti through the Education Program of Ventures in People.” And explains that although only two students are pictured, there are six students in school; with more pictures to follow as they can travel safely to the schools a bit further away. The note ended with “May Peace once again be restored.”

### WIN/P State Conference Shoebox Donations:

Counties will once again be encouraged to fill a shoebox with small items for WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference in September.

The following is a suggested list for the shoeboxes:

- SEWING: Sewing machine needles, thread, pins and hand needles, cutting wheels and scissors, bias tape, lace and buttons
- GARDENING: gloves, clippers
- COOKING: measuring spoons and cups, cooking utensils
- BEAUTY: combs, brushes, clippers and scissors.

Amy Wiza, Director of WIN/P, encourages each county to include photographs of members as you assemble collections in the TIED SHOEBOX, along with your name and a short note. The ladies in Nicaragua love seeing the pictures and learning about you. Even consider including a recent newsletter!

*Jerin Moore, SE District International Chair*

# HCE Flower Power



Flowers are truly powerful! And when you combine them with the power of education, what an impact you can make! Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education is doing just that. We are selling “Milaeger’s Money” to purchase plants, trees, roses, or shrubs grown in soil from Milaeger’s Greenhouse in Sturtevant and Racine. A portion of each purchase will help fund the 2023 Kenosha HCE Family Member Scholarships.



Milaeger’s Money is for \$15, \$25, or \$50. HCE is taking orders April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Your Milaeger’s Money will be available about May 11<sup>th</sup> so you can shop in time to plant your garden or redo your yard.

Please fill out both slips and return the bottom portion to an HCE member with either cash or a check made payable to Kenosha HCE. Indicate the denomination, how many of each, and how you would like to receive your Milaeger’s Money. Keep this portion of the form for your records.

You may receive your Milaeger’s Money in one of three ways: (1) by first class mail; (2) pick up from an HCE member, or (3) we will have a pickup night at the Kenosha County Center, 19600 75h Street, Bristol, May 11, 6-7 pm (date subject to change if MM is not available by May 11).

*You do not have to spend the entire amount at once, but it is your responsibility to keep track of your receipt with the balance on it. Milaeger’s Money does not expire.*

Thank you so much for supporting the Kenosha County HCE Scholarship Fund. Kenosha HCE is a 501(c)3 organization.

Extra forms are available on the Kenosha HCE website [www.wahceinc.org/kenosha-county-hce](http://www.wahceinc.org/kenosha-county-hce).

For more info or additional forms contact Jerin Moore at 262-697-3459, Gail Gillmore, 262-857-2420 or Donna Zarovy 262-857-7502. Check us out on Facebook at Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education or on the web at [www.wahceinc.org/kenosha-county-hce](http://www.wahceinc.org/kenosha-county-hce). Thank you.



## Extension Line Staff

One of our many quarterly JOYS is assembling and mailing the Extension Line. Pictured: Diane Walkington, April Webb (Extension Office), Donna Zarovy and Sue Kaminski. Jeri Moore also assisted.

A special thank you to KCAHCE members who helped assemble this newsletter. It is being mailed to all KCAHCE members. Please send all address changes or corrections to either one of us.

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