



President's Message

In our last President's Letter, Judie and I stated how excited we were for new ideas and projects. By now you all know our newest Kewaunee County HCE project is doing podcasts! Thanks to a Thrivent card, we purchased equipment to record and have already THREE recordings to prepare for podcasting. It was really easy, we recorded our Fall Fun Fest speaker, Janet Toonen, our mystery speaker, Jackie Passer, and then we had a chat with one of our members, Pat Joski. How easy and fun that was! We hope to do more "chatting" soon.

It was funny that the attendees were all laughing and talking easily, but once the microphones were on, it got deathly still! (we know how to get your attention now!) However, that made me nervous and I then could not shut up, rattling on and on. Oh my! We can edit, thank goodness.

And thank you to the members who weren't sure about this project, but took the time to learn about it and/or attended our prep meetings and the test podcast with Pat. That is AWESOME! We hope word gets around how much fun we can have on doing this.

(To work for the preservation and improvement of home and community life). Our goal is to preserve the past by talking to members about early HCE experiences and whoever we can think of about life experienc-

es or history. The possibilities are endless. Who do YOU know that has an interesting story to tell? We appreciate someone who can make contact with the storyteller and lay the groundwork for the "chatting". The rest is pretty simple, although we do now have to figure out how to edit and prep for and post the files on the Internet.

Not only did we do the recording, but we had some great ideas randomly thrown out for other fund raising using our local culture. Win win!

This is a learning process as well for us, so don't feel you can't attend because you don't know what you are doing. We don't either, really, it goes and we learn as we go. Another HCE goal, to provide educational opportunities—don't pass this one up.

In other news, we just wrapped up the State Conference in Wisconsin Dells, be sure to look for and read all the articles in future newsletters from our attendees, as part of their reimbursement. What another fun conference it was! We will be hearing at least one of the educational lessons that are prepared by UW Division of Extension, in our programming for 2024.

There is a lot to look forward to in 2024!

In HCE Friendship, Jan and Judie

Program Planning Update!

The meeting for program planning was held Tues., Sept. 27, 1:00 pm at the Kewaunee Public Library. Many great ideas were brought forth and are in the process of procuring speakers, dates and times. These will be announced when details are complete. They are to be published in the 2024 Program Book so don't miss them! The next meeting will be Oct. 16 at 11 am at the Kewaunee County Hw Dept. *Roxanne Clark, Vice President of Program and Family Life*

Newsletter Reports Reminder!

Committee chairs and **program facilitators** are to send me announcements and follow-ups, as always done in the past. It's part of the job duties. I will not be writing follow ups and it is important to keep our membership apprised on our events. I would likely miss some important detail attempting to be on top of all. We try to make it easy, some information is a yearly article that just needs updating to current situations or emails, perhaps reports you've prepared for Executive Board meetings. It doesn't need to be long, 3-4 sentences saying how it went and what success it had. Club secretaries, please send me minutes for the Club Corner, we would like to see what you've been up to! And thank you to those reports that come in, good job!

Jan Tess, Newsletter Editor

Still Need a President-Elect!

This year's elections include: President-Elect (or co-President-Elect); Treasurer—Kay

Ratajczak is running, with Pat Luffer learning the ropes. Please think hard about running for any of these positions, leadership is needed and we know **any member is capable of doing the job!** And you can ask for help. Thank you! If we have no president—elect, someone who is willing to lead, we are done.



A Tea Honoring Past Members

Imagine a spring afternoon and you and friends gather to socialize, enjoy wonderful sweet and savory bits and bites while listening to beautiful music in a lovely setting. If you can imagine it, we can make it happen! The idea of planning this event is to remember the HCE members that have passed, not with sadness, but with good memories.



If you would like to be a part of planning this event, please join us at the next meeting on **Nov. 13 at 1 pm at the Kewaunee Library**. If you just want to come to the meeting to add your ideas and suggestions that would be outstanding, helpers are always welcome, but the more that provide ideas the better the event. Event tentatively scheduled for April 28, 2023.

Deborah Henninger

Executive Board Meeting

Oct. 16, 2023, (Monday)

Social Hour, 12:00—bring your lunch

Meeting at 1:00 pm

Kewaunee Hwy Dept.



Fall Northeast District Meeting

Oct. 19, 2023 (Thursday)

Registrations were due Oct. 1 to Oconto County, talk to Judy Malcore if you wish to attend Romy's, 9600 Hwy G, Suring

Fur Trading in Kewaunee

Oct. 21, 2023 (Saturday)

Meeting at **1:00 pm**

Mari Fager Facilitator 920-388-2841

Kewaunee Historical Center, 217 Ellis St.

Kewaunee, WI

Presenter: Dan Fager



Music in the Park Wrap Up

We had lots of help at each event; and all the help made the jobs easier, big thanks to Richard Sievers for his muscle. Sloppy Joes popular, the right number of hot dogs were purchased. Next year we need 4 people selling raffle tickets with a larger crowd, and we need to plan on big crowds each time- we reserve our Sundays with popular bands. Judie Pahnke, thanks for the baskets, they were beautiful. Total cash taken in \$2632.00 this year. Sincere appreciation to everyone that helped out. Nice assortment of pies, but people asked for pecan. Surprisingly there were no pumpkin or peach pies this year. Nice assortment though. Gave the last 7 pieces of pie to the band. Could have used more cookies on the Sloppy Joes night. We have learned to not cut prices at the end to sell out; people in the crowd said they were waiting for the discount.



Judy Oftedahl, 2023 Music in the Park Coordinator

Frank Lloyd Wright -State Conference 2023



Frank's parents' names were Anna and William. They married in 1866 and had 3 children, they divorced in 1884. She raised Frank like a prince. Frank

played with special building blocks as a kid and this inspired him to become an architect. At the age of 20 he attended UW-Madison, although he never earned an engineering degree. Also at the young age of 20 he designed a 900 sq. ft. cottage for Seth Peters that was built in Delton.

He designed the Unity Chapel in 1886 located in Spring Green. In 1887 he designed a home with lights and radiant heating. In 1890 he designed the Hillside Home School that included a theatre.

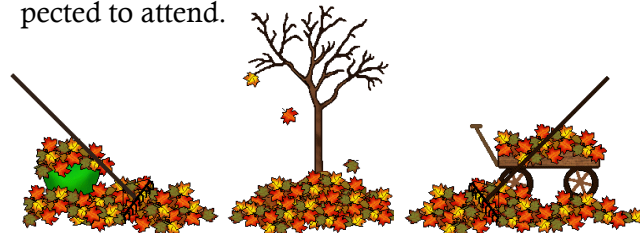
His homes were constructed with the front door hidden and ceilings very low at the entry, giving people a feeling they are welcomed as they entirely entered. He designed 1,000 homes and 500 were actually built.

Frank had a total of 3 wives and a mistress. He insisted that the mistress be buried next to him which really upset his third wife.

In 1889 he married his second wife, who was an artist and social worker. They divorced in 1922. He had 6 kids with her. He designed Usonian homes that have concrete floors, radiant heat, no basement, used all plywood. Buildings had flat roofs and were low cost for the average family, and had carports. No garage, because a garage would accumulate clutter. Even the house had few closets because he didn't want storage spaces for "junk".

A book was written about him entitled "Loving Frank" explaining his life, written by Nancy Huran. His son, Frank Lloyd Wright Jr. also wrote a book about him. That son was the designer of the Lincoln Logs.

Submitted by Judy Malcore



Lakeshore Legacy: July-Sept. Worked on bench donation and had a private pottery lesson in Algoma. Discussed success of Music In the Park, upcoming events, officer positions open, dropped bench project due to lack of interest from Kewaunee City. Several members attended the Mystery Speaker, Jackie Passer, who is Judie Pahnke's daughter, at the Bakery Bar. Member Pat Joski was our first member interview for the podcast project. Completed membership list for 2024.

Sunshine: July-Aug. Talked about mystery project meeting coming in July. Helped serve hot dogs and pies at Music in the Park. Great profits from Music in the Park and from the Style Show held in May. Donated to the back to school collection and talked about Fall Fun Fest. Reminded to fill out volunteer hours. Scholarship fund received \$200 from a Joyce Shimanek memorial. Program ideas needed for the 2024 year. Please share your ideas! Executive Board has purchased microphone and recording equipment to produce pod casts. Upcoming events mentioned. *Be sure to send copies of your minutes to Jan.*

Impact of HCE—2023

To recognize the achievements and contributions of HCE members, each member was asked to complete the Contribution Report. Information was compiled into an "Impact of HCE" report. Reports for Kew. Co. HCE total: Events: 1114.75 hours; fundraising 855 hours, community outreach 2285 hours, and \$1066.00 in donations. Per the Update, donation value of volunteering is \$31.80 per hour. We had a total of \$136,351.15 from June 2022 to May 31, 2023. WOW! This was the contributions of **only 16 members** that sent their report in, think how many unreported hours/dollar value we have contributed! We are now compiling the 6 months between June-Dec. 2023 **so please keep track AND REPORT!** Then going forward we will submit on a yearly basis Jan.-Dec.

NOTE: These are the correct totals, they were not reported correctly at the Aug. 3 Executive Board meeting. I noticed the discrepancy when I was doing this newsletter. Guess my calculator wasn't working that day!

Treasurer Timeout

We are currently postponing these items from the Treasurer's list of yearly duties for Nov. and Dec. These duties will be resumed in February 2024.

- Audit meeting
- Ordering Updates
- State Conference attendee reimbursement
- Budget meeting
- Anita memorial

HCE Starts a Podcast (multiple dates)

Why do we want to start one?

What in the world is a podcast?

HCE Preserves the Past for Future Meeting was held on July 18, and several interested members attended that meeting; and while the title suggests the plan of action, it might have been thought of as another planning meeting for the Cosplay (costume) event held recently at Dana Farm. Oops, that was some unintended communication.

Actually, the idea is to start a Podcast, which is an audio program on demand, in other words, I can listen to the show when I like from a smartphone, tablet, or laptop.

Why us, why now? Well, why not Kewaunee County HCE? As far as limited research is showing, no HCE group has started one, nor anyone in the county (except Nicolet Bank has a podcast on their website).

The best reason to start one is to preserve our members voices and stories. This is the mission statement for the podcasts: Capture the voices and history of Kewaunee County with an emphasis on HCE members.

Imagine listening to a story told by a distant relative 5 maybe 6 generations past in their own voice; telling their best stories; that is what this undertaking is all about. Preserving the voices of our members for future generations.

The practice podcast held Aug. 31 at the Bakery Bar was a learning experience for our hosts, our guests and our technician. Come to the next one and watch and listen, provide feedback and then maybe you would like to volunteer for this project. There will be much to do in the coming months; scheduling interviews is just one area we need help with. Co-hosting is another, being interviewed or writing interview questions just to name a few things on the list. Or just come to the meetings and provide your thoughts and suggestions; even if you have never listened to a podcast, we would love to have you participate.

Deborah Henninger

In Memoriam

Beverly June Grant, member of Kewaunee County Lakeshore Legacy, passed away Aug. 31. June was a member a few years, having moved to Kewaunee after the death of her husband to be near to her daughter Kay Ratajczak. (Also member of Lakeshore Legacy). She lived in assisted living but attended meetings of her club as they went to her home many times. She crocheted hundreds of worm book markers to give to children being read to in our county's Wisconsin Bookworms program. June was 97 years old.



Christkindlmarkt 2023

The Executive Board voted at the last meeting to work at the Kewaunee Chamber of Commerce's Christkindlmarkt for this year. We earn a lump sum of money for prepping the dinner plates. We do not furnish the food, just prep and serve. Deborah Henninger is the chair of this event. Please volunteer for a shift or part of a shift. Last year it was a lot of fun, actually, and this year we will know what we are doing! The event will be held on **Nov. 17 & 18 at Lakehaven in Kewaunee.**