



A Few Words from President Donna Zarovy

Happy Halloween! I love Halloween and fall in general. Here is Coco enjoying the pumpkins in our yard. Can't wait to get the Halloween blow-ups going.



This issue of the Extension Line is packed with info. Please take the time to read it. We will be electing new officers at Fall Focus. *Please consider running for President-Elect.* We do have a candidate for secretary.

Committee sign-up occurred at Fall Focus. If we do not have all the committees filled, please either sign up as an individual (even if a club is listed and you want to work on that committee) or consider having the whole club as the committee. Your assistance is so necessary.

The 2024 KCAHCE Annual Meeting will be held January 20th, 2024, at the Kenosha County Center. We will have a luncheon (TBD) at noon and then the Annual Meeting about 12:30 pm. Plans are still in the works for an educational program or service project. Stay tuned for more information.

Three KCAHCE members attended the WAHCE conference in Wisconsin Dells. We had a jam packed three days. Education programs, tours, dinners, lots of exchange of ideas, met new people and visited old friends. See highlights from Jerin, Ruth and me later in the issue.



The 2024 programs are set. There is quite a variety. Hope you can participate and bring a friend. Let them know what HCE is about and all the great things we do.

November 5th thru the 11th is HCE Week. Think of a way you can promote HCE.

See you all soon!

Donna Zarovy, KCAHCE President

Membership Awards

Kenosha HCE began in September of 1951. Our longest running member is Loretta Genovese who joined in 1957 followed by Dorothy Merten and Rosella Wilson who joined in 1960. Every year we honor membership milestones at the Fall Focus Event. They receive a certificate and pins indicating the number of years. Congratulations to this year's honorees:

- | <u>Name</u> | <u>Years</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 40 Years: | |
| Mary Tunkieicz (posthumously) | |
| 30 Years: | |
| Karen Dietz | |
| Bennie Oass | |
| Pat Perks | |
| 25 years: | |
| Kathy Carr | |
| Margaret McCabe | |
| Heidi Nevoso | |

- | <u>Name</u> | <u>Years</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 15 years: | |
| Jeanette Besharat | |
| Judie Maegaard | |
| Heidi Nevoso | |
| 5 years: | |
| Holly Pilarek | |
| Carmelita Sioco | |



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November 2, KCAHCE Education Program:

The time is nearing for HCE Members & Friends to craft and DECK the HALLS with Rebecca of Westosha Floral!



WHEN: Thursday, November 2, 1:00 PM, Kenosha County Center (KCC),
19600 75th Street, Bristol. Hearing Room

WHAT: "MAKE A SWAG for Door or Mailbox! \$10.00 for all supplies.

- Learn how to make a centerpiece using pine and long-lasting items to enjoy throughout the holidays!
- Learn tips to extend flower life
- Enjoy HCE fun, friendship & commUNITY as together we learn • share • care!

RSVP by October 27th. Sign up at Fall Focus or call Jerin Moore at 262-697-3459 or Donna Zarovy, 262-857-7502. Leave a message if no answer. (A few extra supplies will be available at the event.) This is a great time to reach out to a potential member and have them join us.

Cost: \$10.00 paid upon entry (cash or check only). Bring gloves for sticky pine sap.

Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education is an educational service-learning organization comprised of city and county clubs who meet monthly to:

- ✓ Learn new things
- ✓ Share with others
- ✓ Care about Community

by modeling volunteerism to strengthen our youth, families, and one another. We hope to meet Y♥U. Check us out on the web at www.wahceinc.org/kenosha-county-hce.



KCAHCE 2024 PROGRAMS

The 2024 KCAHCE programs were announced at the Fall Focus event on October 14th. They are, for the most part, at the Kenosha County Center (KCC) and on the first Thursday of the month.

Thank you to Jerin Moore, Vice President of Program, and the Program Committee of the Merry Makers Club.

January 20, Saturday, KCC*, Program/ Lunch, TBD -- 12:30PM, KCAHCE Annual Meeting

February 1, Thursday 1:00 PM, KCC*, "Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services (KAFASI) Overview"

March 7, Thursday TBD/RSVP, \$10, Lunch & "March into Spring with A Milaeger's Planting Potpourri", Paul Sikorski, GM, Milaeger's in Sturtevant, WI

April, Spring Event, Date, location, cost TBD

April 26, Friday, "Families Branching Out Expo" Set-Up, KCC*, 2-4PM

April 27, Saturday. "Families Branching Out Expo", KCC*, 10-2PM

May 2, Thursday, 6:30PM, KCC*, "Decluttering/Downsizing", AARP speaker

June 6, Thursday, 6:30PM, KCC*, "Hospice Alliance & PalliativeCare Overview", Rita Hagan, Director

August 8, Kamp KCAHCE, Time, program and location TBD, \$

September 5, Thursday, 6:30PM, KCC*, "Back 2 School 4 Brain Health", Cindy Lester, ADC, MC, Ageless Grace® Educator

October, Fall Focus, Time, program and location TBD, \$/RSVP

November 7, Thursday, 1PM, KCC*, WAHCE "Gratitude" education program, Mary Metten, Extension Health & Well Being Educator

*KCC, Kenosha County Center



Highlights from Driftless Dreaming WAHCE Conference

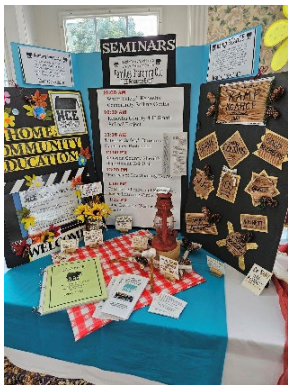


The 2023 WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference was held in the Wisconsin Dells at the Wintergreen Conference Center September 18-20. There were 265 HCE members and guests in attendance. The Southwest HCE District members were our hosts. Jerin Moore, Terry Waluch, Ruth Rossman and I represented Kenosha:



Three members, (Jerin Moore, Ruth Rossman and Donna Zarovy) and a guest wended from Kenosha County to attend the WAHCE Annual Conference, "Driftless Dreaming"e at the Dells. We were greeted with welcoming smiles, enjoyed area tours, seminars, food, entertainment, rekindled friendships, received some Award accolades for our County, and enjoyed the shared camaraderie of other like-minded women. The weather was lovely with fall colors just starting to "peek" amid the rolling hills. Terry and I toured the Wisconsin Crane Foundation on Monday.

From Donna:



On **Sunday** the 17th of September Tom and I embarked on a four-day journey to Wisconsin Dells for our annual conference. On Sunday night I attended the WAHCE Board meeting. We met Jerin and her friend Terry there. Jerin set up a gorgeous Kenosha HCE Display (see photo). We met Ruth on Tuesday.

Monday's events included tours and the opening ceremonies. I have never ridden the Original Wisconsin Dells Ducks before. They were small, and the river level on the Wisconsin River was low, but it was a fun tour. At the opening ceremonial dinner on Monday evening, Kenosha County was honored with a Services of Love Award (and \$100) for our Families Branching Out program. We are so honored to receive the recognition.

Tuesday there were three sets of workshops. Jerin represented Kenosha at the Annual Business Meeting in my stead. I was at the business meeting but wore the hat of Southeast District Director. There was a Wisconsin Bookworms luncheon on Tuesday and our own Ruth Rossman received an award for 10 years of Bookworms readership.



I attended workshops on Wisconsin Bookworms and learned about the latest and greatest books. Then after lunch and a program from three WAHCE members who attended the Association Country Women of the World Triennial Conference in Malaysia, I attended a program on making a 3-D ornament. I must say, I am creative, but this project gave me a run for my money. The Tuesday evening banquet featured swearing in of new Board members and a farewell to the old. The Sauk County HCE Living Flag led us in song after dinner.



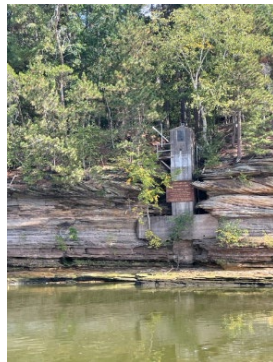
Wednesday was the final day of the conference. I attended a workshop called Sheep to Shawl. The presenter showed us how she selects the sheep, collects the wool, and then spins it into a variety of yarns and colors. I then taught a class on writing press releases to 15 HCE members.

At the luncheon on Wednesday the Southeast District presented a skit inviting the entire state of the 2024 WAHCE Conference to be held in Appleton September 16-18. It was well received as we sung a song to the tune of "Downtown".

I must say the venue was great. The conference rooms were a little tight sometimes, but the temperature in the building was comfortable, the weather cooperated for the most part, and the food was wonderful. The hotel rooms were recently remodeled and suited us perfectly.

Jerin Moore & Donna Zarovy

Photos from the WAHCE Conference



View of the Wisconsin River from the Ducks



Donna & Jerin with Conference Chair Shirley



Courtyard at the Wintergreen Conference Center



Sauk County Living Flag



Waiting to tour the Crane Foundation



Membership Award:

KUDOS to members of the Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education. We received the top award for number of new members in 2023.

Keep up the great work.

Services of Love Award

Kenosha County's Families Branching Out event received a Certificate of Achievement and a check for \$100 for Services of Love. This is the second year for FBO and the second time we have received this prestigious award. Only three are given annually at the WAHCE Conference. There were six submissions this year. Great Job Everyone!



Experience the Magic of HCE



Next year our seven county Southeast District will present the 2024 Annual Business Meeting and Conference in Appleton with the theme of "Experience the Magic of HCE". The Hilton Paper Valley Inn is excited to be the venue. There is plenty of room for all of us, great conference rooms, and the hotel was remodeled last year. The cost of the conference has not yet been determined, but food is more expensive than in the past. There are two parking ramps connected to the hotel.

As hosts for this conference the Southeast District is responsible for the workshop programs, tours, meals, entertainment, decorations, and hosting. Several counties within the district have signed up to plan and execute the different aspects of the conference.

Kenosha is partnering with Sheboygan to craft theme related table centerpieces. Sheboygan is making "magic hats", and Kenosha "bow ties" to spiff up white rabbits that will peek out from the inside of the hat brim. In Spring, a few sewers and crafters will be needed to help in this tie-making endeavor. Our own Jerin Moore is spear heading this and will have a sample of sorts at the January 20th KCAHCE Annual Association meeting. Please volunteer to help with this and *put the conference on your radar*. It is a great experience for you and your help is most appreciated and needed to make this truly magical.

2023 Scholarship Recipients

At the recent August Pic-IN-ic celebration, one of the highlights of the evening was the awarding of two \$1,000.00 Family Member Scholarships.

The awards went to Kenna Beth and Morgan Kaminski. Both recipients are granddaughters of KCAHCE members which provides scholarship(s) for HCE family members to include: spouse, children, grandchildren, niece or nephew of the member or their spouse.

Kenna is pursuing her career in legal studies/criminal justice & psychology at the University of Wisconsin/Madison.

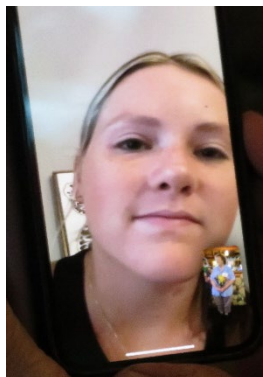
Morgan is pursuing a career in dental hygiene at Mississippi State University. We were honored to have both women present at our event -- Kenna in person, and Morgan via Zoom with her grandmother Sue Kaminski accepting for her.

Congratulations to all, with thanks for all submissions received, and to the Scholarship Committee for their assistance.

Pat Perks, Scholarship Chair



Sue Kaminski on accepting scholarship behalf of Morgan



Morgan Kaminski on Zoom



Pat presents Kenna Beth with her scholarship

Mary Tunkieicz



Forty year member Mary Tunkieicz (Bristol Club) passed away on Sunday October 1st at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center, Milwaukee.

Mary held many KCAHCE offices. Most recently she was President-Elect in 2007 and President in 2008.

Mary was a longtime Kenosha County 4-H leader, teaching cooking and clowns. She led the Somers 4-H Clowns as BB the Clown. The troupe performed shows, made balloon animals, and painted faces at many large and small events in the area for years.

She was an integral part of her family farming business in Somers. She sold potatoes and beets from her home for many years while raising her four children.

She loved the arts and creative writing and had received a blue ribbon for a poem from the WAHCE Annual Conference Cultural Arts exposition.

Our heartfelt wishes to Charlene and Jennie Tunkieicz on the recent passing of their mother, Mary~ whose quick wit and infectious smile will forever warm our hearts. The family wishes to thank everyone for friendship and fellowship shared, and how much Mary's years with HCE and the Bristol Club enriched her life.

Cards to the family can be sent to Jennie Tunkieicz at the address in our Membership book.



Bristol Club Highlights:



Bristol Club concluded our October business meeting by crafting 'n wrapping 40 rolls of toilet paper with fabric to convert into harvest themed pumpkins for Willowbrook Assisted Living. Next month, after a Willowbrook box lunch, we'll do Step 2 with the fun of adding the embellishments!



But as fun as November will be, NOTHING will surpass today's giggles, TP jokes & laid-back fun! It truly is GOOD to be footloose, free & together. Please know we welcome you too to join us. November is our kind of Rally Month. Think about joining -- Dues are only \$17/year.

HCE Good Neighbors Highlights:

The Good Neighbors Meeting was held at Luisa Rapisarda's home. A Zoom meeting was also held. Our September gathering began with our annual potluck, a delicious assortment as always.

Discussions took place on the following subjects:

Fall Focus 10/14/2023 – The RSVP and payment forms have been sent out by Donna. Margaret will be collecting them and creating a list of names for attendees for the door prize drawings. RSVPs are due by October 5th. Members volunteered to MC, purchase dessert, take registrations, create a program, etc.

The Basket Auction will occur after the lunch and Business Meeting. Two small baskets are requested from each club. Holly will officiate the Auction with help from Good Neighbors members displaying items.



Community Service Committee – The last collection for Sleep in Heavenly Peace will be at Fall Focus. All donations have been delivered to date.

Good Neighbors members agreed that the budgeted community service funds be sent directly to Women and Children’s Horizons to allow them to purchase whatever they may need for the upcoming winter season, etc. It was agreed that no additional collections would be done for this cause since everyone has been so generous with SHP.

Miscellaneous:

KCAHCA Executive Board Reminder: The Fall KCAHCE Association meeting takes place at Fall Focus; Donna will preside over the meeting; need to vote for 2024 officers, President-elect for 2024 who then becomes president for 2025-26 and a secretary; committee sign up will also take place.

Spring Event 2024 - No new discussion. Backyard Blooms - Tabled for future meeting. Notes from January minutes: Venues were discussed, and it was suggested that the event take place at the Kenosha County Center (KCC) with a "Spring Planting" theme, something like “planting with containers or container gardening” with presentation done by Breezy Hill or Milaeger’s. Specifics to be considered and discussed at future meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret McCabe

JJ’s HCE Club Highlights:

The JJ’s HCE Club met at the Phoenix Restaurant on Saturday, September 16th at 10:30 a.m. with 6 members and one guest present.

Educational lesson: Our September lesson was a tour of Matthias Academy which was very good. We all learned much about this facility that provides education for adults who are challenged either mentally and/or physically. We all agreed that it was a wonderful experience to learn about this opportunity for that population.

Community Service: Bedding supplies for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed-making group will be collected for the last time at the Fall Focus event.

Scholarship: We briefly discussed this issue. A discussion about the fate of this project will be held at Fall Focus. The proceeds from the basket auction have been earmarked to go to the scholarship fund.

Fall Focus: The members who will be going to attend this event on October 14th at Casa Capri paid their registration. Every club has been asked to donate two smaller baskets for the auction. We talked about what we would do for our baskets.

Election: Our JJ’s officers, President and Secretary, will remain the same for next year. Pat will be president and Joyce will be secretary.

Club Meetings:

- Bristol: 2nd Monday at noon at various local restaurants
- Country Cousins: Varies.
- Crosstown Neighbors: Varies
- Good Neighbors: 3rd Thursday, 7 pm in members’ homes
- The JJ’s: 3rd Saturday at 10:00 AM at members’ homes or local restaurants
- Merry Makers: 2nd Wednesday at noon

- ☎ Call the Club Presidents at the numbers in your KCAHCE Program Book or
- ☎ Call Jerin at 262-697-3459 or Donna at 262-857-7502 for KCAHCE info



2023's Community Service Project Update

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

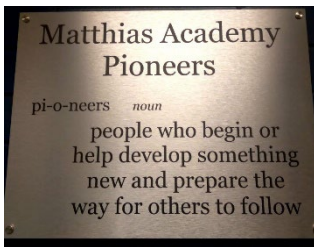
We will be wrapping up 2023's Community Service Project with the last collection at the October Fall Focus event. All the items that have been donated have been delivered. All the shopping has been done for those who made cash donations to purchase items and those items have been delivered.



To date we have donated the following items to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (in Kenosha): 31 pillows, 28 twin sheet sets, and 5 twin comforters! **Our donations will and have helped fulfill those dreams of kids having their own bed to sleep in each night.**

What a wonderful cause! **Sending out a HUGE Thank you to everyone who has donated items and or funding for purchases to date!** We have definitely and positively impacted our community with this project!

Margaret McCabe, Good Neighbors



Matthias Academy

What a surprise Matthias Academy was – we never expected to see all the things they do at Matthias for adults over the age of 18 who are mentally or physically challenged.

The September education program was attended by 16 KCAHCE members. We toured the fantastic facility, talked with staff and met some of the students.

We were amazed at everything they do for their students.

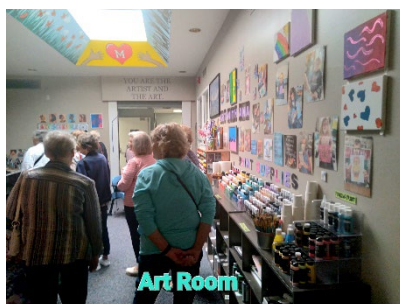
Located in Benet Lake just southwest of Bristol, with a staff of about 65 they currently serve over 125 adults from Illinois and Wisconsin. There are two off-site residential houses with four adults and two staff. Plans are in the works for an expanded site along Highway 83 in Salem.



HCE Ladies & Mathias Academy Guides



Thank you card from Matthias Academy



Dear Jerin & All the Ladies, 9.19.23
 Thank y'all so much for coming out to see Matthias Academy & see what we are all about. We are grateful for your donation, this helps to get the mission going forward. We hope this is one of many interactions. Maybe when we open the other property, y'all could come out and visit us!
 With gratitude,
 Kenosha Matthias Academy

INTERNATIONAL NEWS from WAHCE

Jerin Moore, our county and district International Chair attended the International workshop at the WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference. Here is some of the news about international endeavors:

ACWW USA AREA PROJECT:

Is enlisting our cooperation involving the theme of FOOD INSECURITY for the next 3 years; with year one's focus on Food Deserts.

WHAT IS A FOOD DESERT?

They are geographic areas where residents have few to no convenient options for securing affordable and healthy foods, especially fresh fruits & veggies. Food Deserts are disproportionately found in high poverty areas and create extra everyday hurdles that can make it harder for kids, families and communities to grow healthy.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- * Establish bus stop farmers' markets
- * Support community gardens
- * Improve public transportation options

ORANGE THE WORLD

The Orange the World symbol is an umbrella, symbolizing protection or shelter. It is UNESCO's symbol for "NO to Violence against Women". WAHCE Seminar participants received an Orange the World button.



ACWW is also encouraging us to learn about the UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific, and Cultural Organization) campaign, "Orange the World". And asks that we become more aware of violence in our homes, schools, communities. NOVEMBER 25th is the International Day of Elimination of Violence against women and children and is designated "Orange Day"; as the color Orange symbolizes a brighter future free of violence, and a way to demonstrate solidarity in violence elimination.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- * Learn more in our community
- * Support agencies like homeless and Domestic Violence Shelters.
- * Have a "wear orange" meeting.

WISCONSIN NICARAGUA PARTNERS

WI/NP goal is "People Helping People" as we work to help them to expand their knowledge, gain skills, and help families grow.



- Take a box ~ fill a box is a project we've been participating in to some extent with our Shoebox Collection ~ filled with items like beauty, sewing, cooking/baking, crafts/knitting, jewelry making etc to help women learn skills.
- WI/NP has started to widen their outreach to include countries of Ghana, Honduras, Ukraine and Turkey because recent new regulations in Nicaragua are causing restraints and adding to shipment concerns. WI/NP has broadened their outreach and slogan, accordingly to: **"HELPING PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD"**.

A name change for 'Learning Centers' is in the works, as this name it implies a kind of formality of training; vs a more learn by doing club kind of process.

Jerin Moore

Scholarships

There has been discussion lately about the KCAHCE Scholarship program. Some of the ideas batted about include:

- Revision of the scholarship applications to make them more meaningful
- Change the date they are due to encourage more applicants.
- Who should we offer these scholarships to?
- How do we raise the money to support them?
- The Milaeger's Money campaign this year was successful. Should we repeat it?
- Should we consider offering it to another group of students?
- Lastly, should we eliminate it all together?

We are an educational and community service organization. Scholarships are one way of offering education to our children. The Homemaker's Creed says: "To promote the welfare of our boys and girls, the nation's greatest asset." Our scholarship program is one way to fulfill that goal.

At the Fall Association Meeting President Donna Zarovy will ask for a committee to go over these points, and any additional ones, so that we may further pursue it at the Winter Association Meeting in January. She is going to give the committee scholarship applications from other WAHCE counties. Please volunteer for this committee. A separate scholarship application review committee will be established based on the desires of the KCAHCE Association members.

Donna Zarovy

2024 Enrollment and List of Officers Due

The Membership Roll for all clubs will be distributed at the Fall Focus Event. It is due to Margaret McCabe, Treasurer, along with your dues by December 10th. Please also send a copy to Donna Zarovy for completing the 2024 Program Book. Dues are still \$17.00. The 2024 Officer list is also attached.

Committee Signs

Committee signups are also going to be done at the Fall Focus Event. Please sign up to serve!

KCAHCE Executive Board

Donna Zarovy, President
Jerin Moore, Vice President
Margaret McCabe, Treasurer
Gail Gillmore, Secretary

Extension Line Committee

If anyone has any ideas for articles, please let us know. We encourage clubs to submit articles and pictures from their meetings. A special thank you to KCAHCE members who helped assemble this newsletter. Please send all address corrections to us.

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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 Wisconsin HCE counties.
- ❖ On the county website: <https://wahceinc.org/kenosha-county-hce/contains-information-specific-to-Kenosha-County>.