

Dedicated Divas

Marathon County HCE



Dedicated Divas meet at member's homes and have a lesson or activity followed by dessert and conversation. Our current club does many community service activities. We served 125 people a broasted chicken dinner with potatoes, gravy, vegetables, and homemade desserts at the Presbyterian church community meal. We have taken a meal most years to the warming shelter. Every Christmas we collect items from the North Central Health Care list to take to give to their clients. We have collected items for the Women's Community, and Family resource Center.

As a club we continue the tradition of having a Christmas party with husbands being invited. We also invite family members to a summer picnic in June, often held at Riverside Park in Merrill and to a pizza party at Stony Acres farm in Athens.

We are one of 8 clubs in Marathon County. The county has 65 members currently. Members from our club serve on the Executive Board, are very active in the Crafty learning day by teaching classes. Crafty Learning Day is our annual fundraiser to raise money to buy books for Children in the County Head Start program. Each child gets one book a month to take home, so at the end of the school year they each have 8 books for their personal library. We work with United Way to provide the books. Jeanette Gumtz and her mother have knitted hundreds of pairs of mittens, so that each child gets a pair of mittens in December, along with their book. The County HCE group also awards a \$250 scholarship to a graduating high school senior each year.

Some members from our club attend the annual three day State conference for Wisconsin Home and Community Education. There are tours, workshops and banquets with speakers and entertainment. Members from our club enter cultural arts items in the cultural arts contest. They are first judged at our County annual; banquet and those that win their category go on to be judged at the State Contest. Yvette Huesler has won a bronze medallion and the Peoples Choice award at the State conference with her mosaic's entry. This is quite an honor to be chosen the favorite entry out of 400 entries.

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