



## A Few Words from President Donna Zarovy

Hi Fellow KCAHCE Members:

This is such a great summer – and it is JULY ALREADY. I can’t wait for fireworks – Paddock Lake on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kenosha on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and Bristol Progress Days on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Racine County Fair is in July and Kenosha County in August. My daughter and I have been busy with our flowers getting them ready to show. We sooooo used our Milaeger’s Money.

KUDOS to everyone for another successful Families Branching Out. We had over 350 people in attendance, including exhibitors. The Safe Kids / Strong Families Walk by Prevention Services Network proceeded the event. Thank you to all the KCAHCE volunteers, the vendors and sponsors. I am looking forward to next year. If you would like to help in 2025 remember to sign up at the Fall Association Meeting.

We will hold our “Pic-In-Ic” at Birchwood Grille. Members will order off the menu and pay their own bills. We will not have a separate buffet. A few fun activities are planned. See article on page 4.

I was in Appleton on June 23 and 24 for the WAHCE summer board meeting. We met at the Hilton Paper Valley Inn where the 2024 WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference will be held. The facility has just been remodeled in the past two years. The rooms are spacious and up-to-date. The conference breakout rooms and dining hall are centrally located and very easy to move from one to another. There is a huge area for the Cultural Arts Show and Marketing, too. Displays from the counties will be in the hallways. See more info call me or visit the WAHCE website:

<https://wahceinc.org/2024-wahce-conference-information/>

I along with seven other KCAHCE members will be “Experiencing the Magic of HCE”. This is the largest Kenosha delegation that I can remember. I know everyone will learn a lot, make new friends, share much, and maybe even return next year.

The JJ’s HCE Club is planning the Fall Focus Event on October 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Kenosha County Center at noon. Lunch will be catered by Stowell’s Catering from Burlington. The registration form is on page 8 and 9 to this Extension Line.

Enjoy your June Extension Line. It is full of information and pictures of some of our events from this year. Call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Donna Zarovy  
2024 Kenosha HCE President



### “Experience The Magic of HCE”

WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference  
September 16-18, 2024  
Hilton Paper Valley Inn, Appleton, WI  
Registration deadline is August 15<sup>th</sup>

Hope to See YOU there!

#### July Extension Line

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## Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee met to review the NINE applications received this year. Members Ruth Larsen, Joyce Meyers, Pat Perks, Marcia Richards, and Rosella Wilson carefully read and scored all the applicant forms. They were so impressed by the qualifications and the variety of career goals of each applicant.

We were so fortunate to be able to award three scholarships this year, thanks to the anonymous donation of one scholarship. The recipients are Rachel Callow, granddaughter of Rita Larson, Natalie Hansen, great niece of Donna Zarovy and Lillian Schoen nominated by Karen Dietz. Congratulations to these three outstanding young women!

Thank you to the scholarship committee for their dedication and diligence. Thanks KCAHCE members for your overwhelming support of our Scholarship fund!

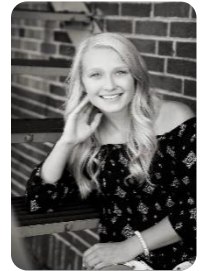
Rita Larson, Scholarship Chair

### 2024 KCAHCE Scholarship Recipients:

**RACHEL CALLOW:** Rachel is a student at UW- Steven's Point. She is pursuing her degree in Elementary Education. She received High Honors, was a member of the National Honor Society, and served as class president all 4 years. She has been on the Dean's List every semester while in college.

While in high school Rachel was named All-Conference I in volleyball, basketball, and softball all 4 years. She played college volleyball. Currently, she is coaching volleyball at Steven's Point Area High while carrying a full academic schedule.

She states she has always loved school in and out of the classroom and can't wait to be in her own classroom and to impact children's lives as well as to continue her dream of coaching.



**NATALIE HANSEN** is a senior at Somerset High School planning to attend UW-Eau Claire to study Biomedical Engineering. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has received the Academic Excellence Award three times.

Natalie enjoyed tutoring, "lifting others up through encouragement, volunteering her time, knowing this helps to make a difference in someone else's day. I really enjoy playing softball and I've played since elementary school. "

She has played softball since elementary school. "The sport has taught me how to build up and partner with my team, and over the years we have each grown stronger and improved our skills. But it takes dedication and off-season work",

The dedication and focus she feels will help her as she continues her education and pursues a career in the medical field.

**LILLIAN SCHOEN** is a student at UW-Whitewater pursuing a B.A. Degree in Geography, minoring in German. In high school she was a member of the National Honor Society, received the AP Scholarship Award. She is on the Dean's List and has been awarded the Chancellor's award.

While in high school she was in Drama Club, German Club and was in the German Honor Society.

Lillian's passion is to have an impact in cities to improve access to quality education and has become aware working in the Center for Students with Disabilities of the need to insure health services, accessibility to public transportation, and to update accessibility serving as a city planner.



## Highlights from May and June Education Programs



*Downsizing*

Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education is a service and learning organization offering monthly educational programs that are free and open to the public.

We wish to thank AARP Wisconsin, Jim Piontek for our May program on "Downsizing and Decluttering" where 38 attendees learned tips• tricks and some ins and outs 'to try' to let things GOOOO!

In June, we welcomed Rita Hagen, Executive Director of Hospice Alliance & Hospice Alliance Foundation, who shared the important conversation on "Hospice, Palliative Care and Advance Directives". Once again, we were thrilled to welcome six guests from the community; attributed to Jennie Tunkieicz's publicity help and far-reaching news releases.



In respect to Organizational Speakers and Program Committee, we thank attending HCE members, friends and the community for your program participation, and making them happen!

### "BACK 2 School 4 Brain Health"

Join us for an informative, fun and educational program by Cindy Lester; that is certain to get you moving, grooving, stretching and learning about your body and mind! Cindy's specialty is dementia care and brain fitness. It will be held Thursday, September 5, 2024, 6:30PM, at the Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th Street, Bristol, WI.

Some may remember Cindy from her years back days as the Coordinator of the Bristol Daybreak program, and Supervisor for Kenosha Twin Lakes Daybreak. Additionally, her past includes opening the first adult memory care program in Walworth County and assisting in opening the first in Racine. Today she has her own 'Young At Heart' programs~ geared to the average senior with a desire to know more about brain health and wellness. It will be a wonderful program.

*`` Jerin Moore, VP Program*

## KCAHCE 2024 PROGRAMS

Most programs held on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at the Kenosha County Center

- August 8**      Kamp KCAHCE, 5:30 pm, Birchwood Grille campfire fun
- September 5**      Thursday, 6:30PM, KCC, "Back 2 School 4 Brain Health", Cindy Lester, ADC, MC, Ageless Grace® Educator
- October 19**      "Autumn's Bountiful Blessings" Fall Focus, Noon Luncheon, Kenosha County Center
- November 7**      Thursday, 1PM, KCC, WAHCE "Finding Gratitude" education program, Mary Metten, Extension Health & Well Being Educator
- December 5**      Thursday, 11:00 am, Cultural Arts, "St. Nick's Crafts", with Jerin Moore and Donna Zarovy, (lunch is on your own) Birchwood Grille. Please bring a sack of oranges for the Shalom Center.

## Hello HCE Friends!

I hope you're enjoying summer, time with your flower friends and families. September will soon 'bee' here which means, Conference! Last I heard we have eight KCAHCE members attending from Bristol, JJ's, and Merry Makers Clubs. Know that if you've considered attending, there's still time to register, and this may be the perfect year to go!

For those new to HCE, each year Conference is planned and executed by a different District from location, hotel, theme, logo choice, to workshops, hosting, and registration to name a few. 2024 is OUR rotation year, with the seven southeast counties of Dodge, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha all involved.

Over the past few conferences, I've been consistently amazed at the organized dedication of this seamlessly run event; executed entirely by volunteers like you and me! It's been a great September getaway for me, and a way to join in kindred community while learning something new.

Our "Experience the Magic of HCE" theme and logo were all member generated/voted on at a District meeting. With the tours, workshop ideas etc. discussed, then organized by committees. It's been a collaborative process from start to finish all overseen by our Conference Chair Donna Zarovy and Co-Chair Linda Feucht. Our thanks and kudos to both for the MAGIC they've made!

When I volunteered to head up the Centerpiece Committee, I teamed up with Sheboygan County HCE working with my friend, Althea Smith. In the past, I had embellished rabbits from the Dollar Store for spring gifting, and thought they'd be perfect for centerpieces; sharing my idea with Althea; who had coincidentally made Coffee Can Magic Hats. And so, just like that our 'Rabbit in the Hat' centerpiece magic happened!



Last week, I rounded up the last bevy of bunnies from our Kenosha County member Makers, and continue to be 'amazed and amused', by the Magic created. I had no rules or required techniques just a goal to dress bunnies with vests and add personality. From lazy daisy hand stitches to pocket watches, bow ties and hair bows, our tall eared friends will bring smiles, and create conversational magic peeking out 'Around our Conference Tables'. That mission has been accomplished with a 'bevy' of bejeweled, bedazzled and uniquely embellished bunnies.

My thanks go to: Jeanette Besharat and Margaret McCabe of Good Neighbors Club; and Barb Zaloudek Scholwin of Bristol Club. Magic Wands from the artistic hands of Jill Montgomery of the Merry Makers Club will add the final touch!

I'm proud of our "Fluffle", happy they'll soon be scurrying out of my house, but mostly value and cherish the cooperation and friendships made.

By working together, our learn•share•care HCE bonds have been strengthened and lives enriched.

Thank you! 🐰 🍷

~Jerin Moore, KCAHCE VP



## BRISTOL CLUB

In May, the Bristol Club went "back in time" to our old days of enjoying home hospitality meetings! With 20 Bristol members, meeting in homes has become rather impossible except at Jennie Tunkieicz's beautiful home! In merriment, we enjoyed Jennie and John's hospitality and beautifully prepared lunch, celebrated her 60th Birthday with 60's trivia (thanks to Joanne) and a delicious O&H cake provided by our team of nurses.



We also welcomed Julie Christenbury as our newest and 21st Bristol member!

In honor Jennie's birthday hospitality some members chose to give donations in her honor to our 'WI Bookworms' Literacy program with the money collected providing enough funds to buy almost 80 books for Bookworms!

Thank you, Jennie and John and thank you Bristol members!

In June, 14 members of the Bristol HCE 21" enjoyed summer fun in the backyard garden of Union Park Tavern. Discussion included next year's Spring Event, the WAHCE conference, the possibility of a few summer community service options, and going to the Stella Hotel for our September 9th lunch meeting.



## Summer Community Service & Get Together



For anyone interested some of the Bristol HCE Club members are volunteering to help United Way of Kenosha County complete thank you note cards for the past United Way fund raisers.

**WHEN:** Monday July 8, 2024 at 12:30PM

**WHERE:** Eastview Coffee, 716 58th Street, Kenosha (across the street from the former Kenosha News).

**WHO:** Writers & HCE friends

**WHAT:** Let Jeri know of your interest to arrange space.

## Salem Community Library Display

Plans are in the works for an August HCE Community Library ~ Salem entryway display! (Photo from display done by Country Cousins in 2022).

If you have an item from the 2024 Cultural Arts Show to share, with ribbon or not, let Jeri know. Otherwise, when you visit the library take a selfie by our display (or ask a librarian to do the honors). Then share with Jeri, or on our FB page and yours. For by sharing, others learn more about HCE and our libraries too!



## Milaeger's Money

**THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased Milaeger's Money for scholarships. We were able to raise over \$900 for our scholarship fund. All total, we had 45 people purchase certificates for "anything in the store" and/or "anything in dirt". My daughter and I went three times, and the greenhouse was just loaded every time. Here are some pots that I created and a view of Jeri's porch. Thanks again and we hope to continue this program to fund our scholarships.



## Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners SHOEBOX PROJECT

One of our international initiatives is assisting Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners. To that end, the WAHCE International Committee is asking us to bring "boxes" to the WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference in Appleton in September. They will take the boxes back to their warehouse in Stevens Point to send to Nicaragua. It seems minimal, but one box filled helps a whole group of people

- USE a shoebox size. MAYBE find a floral or decorative patterned box.
- FILL with a theme, like sewing, crafts, accessories, buttons etc. Use new zip lock bags to organize. And you can be assured everything will be used, even the box!
- INCLUDE a photo of your HCE Club if you would like, but it is not necessary, or your community, the EL newsletter, a Note. Make the box personal and look like a gift.
- LABEL your box as follows:
  - CONTENTS: Crafts, with a list, etc.
  - COUNTY/ CLUB: Kenosha etc.
- TIE your box so it's secure.

~~ Jerin Moore & Gail Gillmore, International Committer

# Families Branching Out

To the Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education (KCAHCE) Families Branching Out exhibitors, attendees, organizers, volunteers and friends: We in KCAHCE can't thank you enough for the collaborative community & positive energy we grew thru our 3rd Families Branching Out. Seeing the public, County Departments and groups interacting, working and PLAYING together was THE BEST. Your partnering makes the difference to break down barriers, share our vast resources and spread the word about the wonderful programs/resources we share.



A huge thank you to our sponsors: Glenda Dupons, Bear Realty, Dr. Scott Catarozdi, Dental Care with Amore, Hales Corners Festival Foods, Fresh Time Market, Jersey Mike's Subs, Kwik Trip in Paddock Lake, Meijer Grocery, Thrivent Financial, and Subway in Paddock Lake. In addition, KCAHCE Members Donna Deuster, Jill Montgomery, Jerin Moore, Ruth J. Rossman and Donna Zarovy.

Here are some photos from the event.

~~ Donna Zarovy & Jerin Moore





## “Autumn’s Bountiful Blessings”

### 2024 Fall Focus Event

Kenosha County Association for  
Home and Community Education



Enjoy “Autumn’s Bountiful Blessings” at the Fall Focus luncheon. We will enjoy a fantastic catered lunch, conduct a short Association Meeting, learn about the upcoming Kenosha HCE year, membership recognition, committee sign up for 2025, enjoy another lively scholarship basket auction, laugh, and renew friendships.



**When:** Saturday, October 19, 2024  
**Where:** Kenosha County Center, 19600 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Bristol  
**Time:** 12:00 noon registration; 12:15 lunch  
**Cost:** \$20.00



### **MENU: Buffet Style** -- Lunch is catered by Stowell’s.

Seven Layer Salad  
Green Bean Casserole  
Roast Beef  
Dessert

Pistachio Salad  
Dilled Carrots  
Turkey & Gravy

Three Bean Salad  
Mashed Potatoes  
Rolls & Butter  
Coffee & Tea

Reservations due **Friday, October 4, 2024**. All HCE club members should contact their President for registration. Guests are always welcome. If you are not a member of Kenosha HCE and would like to attend, please send your name, contact information and check payable to KCAHCE to Pat Perks. If you have any questions, call Pat at 262-497-5068. See tear off Registration Form on page 9.

Send check (one per club) payable to KCAHCE to:  
Pat Perks, 23201 80<sup>th</sup> Place, Salem, WI 53168

### **Basket Auction for Scholarships**

There will be a lively auction to raise funds for our KCAHCE Family Member Scholarship Fund. Please bring two small baskets per club to auction. Remember to put some extra cash in your pocket to bid – and bid often!

One of the 2024 Community Service Projects is a collection for Matthias Academy. There will be a basket at the luncheon if you wish to donate. Thank you.

**See you October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Kenosha County Center!**







# KAMP KCAHCE IS CALLING YOU !

Please come to Kamp KCAHCE on August 8<sup>th</sup> for our annual Pic-In-Nic. Doors open at 5:15 PM -- Eating starts at 5:30 pm.

We will "Pic-In-Nic" at The Birchwood Grille "Cabin", 7515 125<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha. We will order off the menu with separate checks for everyone.

*Come sing songs, maybe play a couple of games, and enjoy each other's company.*



Our 2024 KCAHCE scholarship recipients will be recognized.

*Please call Donna Z at 262-857-7502 with your reservation. Or text her at 262-945-7502. We need to have a count by August 1<sup>st</sup>.*



## SEE YOU THERE!

### Extension Line Committee

#### KCAHCE Executive Board

- Donna Zarovy, President
- Jerin Moore, Vice President
- Margaret McCabe, Treasurer
- Ruth Rossman, Secretary

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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Tear here and mail with your check

### Fall Focus Registration

Send check (one per club) payable to KCAHCE to:  
Pat Perks, 23201 80<sup>th</sup> Place, Salem, WI 53168

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The following will attend Fall Focus. Enclosed is our check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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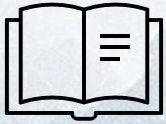


Matthias Academy



## 2024 Community Service Project

All funds collected will be used to purchase items from the Matthias Academy Wish List.



**Matthias Academy** is a nonprofit adult day program in southeast Wisconsin. **Matthias Academy** serves adults with mild to severe disabilities, specialized medical needs, behaviors, and mild to severe autism from Illinois and Wisconsin. **Matthias Academy** provides a student-centered program for adults to learn, work, and socialize. Classes are offered and based on interests of the students, changing every 8-12 weeks. We highly encourage the involvement of the surrounding community to come into our *facility to shop* and visit, we also encourage the involvement of local schools and local colleges to volunteer and help!

For more information, visit <https://matthiasacademy.org/>

**Support Matthias Academy Additionally** by visiting the **Gift and Garden Center** facility located at 12015 Antioch Road #C, Trevor