

AUGUST 2024 GOLDNOTES

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Sheboygan County Association for Home & Community Education - August Goldnotes - "New Way of Living with HCE"

Hello HCE Members,

On July 18, 2024, I lost my husband, lover, and my sole partner. I feel like I am stuck in limbo, therefore I feel it would be a disservice to the Sheboygan County Association for Home and Community Education to continue as your county president; therefore, Joyce Smies, as your President Elect, agreed to take over and finish my presidency. Please show her the same support as you gave me. Once I find "my direction in life as the new normal," I will be back. Thank you to the Extension and all the HCE members that have made phone calls, text, email and sent cards and memorials. Tis, it is a true family in HCE. I will always be grateful. Your compassion and support will always be near and dear to my heart. I do not know of a greater association to belong to. Please continue helping our community project - Fresh Meals on Wheels.

Yours in HCE,

Kathi Bonde - 920-946-7503, phone, text or email
kathibonde@gmail.com
 HCE County President

Hello HCE Members,

It is with sadness that we accept Kathi's resignation as Sheboygan County HCE President. We understand her priority is to care for herself as she deals with the death of her dear husband, Fred. Many of us know the toll that grief takes not only on our emotional being, but also on our physical and mental being also. We can all be a support for Kathi and her family through our prayers, calls and notes of encouragement.

I am a familiar face to most of you, but I would like to share a bit about myself as I step in to fill the rest of Kathi's term as President. I joined Lakeview HCE just over 40 years ago. I was a wife and mother of 4 kids and fairly new to the Sheboygan County area. I was looking for a way to meet people outside of church and school. Lakeview was a great opportunity to widen my circle. It was a few years later that I first served a term on the Executive Board.

Fast forward...In those intervening years, my husband passed away, I returned to college and completed a Master's degree in School Counseling, my children married and blessed me with grandkids, and I retired. Through all that, I remained active in HCE. In 2023, I agreed to serve as VP—Programming. I have learned a lot! A few months ago, Kathi asked if I would consider serving as President, Elect. I am now willing to finish Kathi's current term.

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I have a passion for HCE and what it represents. It saddens me to see our membership dwindle but I remember Alicia Utke-Becher saying, "You might be small, but you are mighty!" Let's remember that as we move into this last part of 2024. I am looking forward to attending the State Conference in Appleton in September, then Member to Member along with the annual association meeting in October.

I look forward to working and serving with each of you. Hope to see you at the fair!

Joyce Smies
920-207-1878 (Phone or text)
Jsmies3@wi.rr.com



Thursday, August 29 - Monday, September 2
Sheboygan County Fair Booth

Thursday - September 5 - 11:30 AM
HCE Book Club
Pizza Ranch, Sheboygan

Monday - September 9 - 10:00 AM
Cooking with Modern Appliances
Extension Room 5020/5022

Monday - September 9 - 12:00 PM
Executive Board Meeting
Extension Room 5024

Monday - September 16 - Wednesday, September 18
State Conference, Appleton, WI

Monday - October 14 - 6:00 PM
Annual Meeting & Member to Member
Extension Rooms 5020 & 5022

Wednesday - October 16
Fall Southeast District Meeting
Waukesha County

Monday - November 11 - 10:00 AM
Craft with Althea Smith
Extension Rooms 5020 & 5022

2024 Sheboygan County Association for Home & Community Education Officers

Joyce Smies (finishing Kathi Bonde's term)
President/Vice President (Program)

Myra Eischen
Secretary

Julie Boedecker
Treasurer

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Carolyn Dreier
Thank you for all of your help.*

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Sheboygan County HCE Webpage:
<https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/home-community-education/>

WI Association HCE Webpage:
www.wahceinc.org

Executive Board Meeting—September 9 at Noon

Bring a bag lunch for yourself as the Board will meet shortly after the educational meeting. Call if you will be unable to attend.

Stiches of Love Update

by Ann Meyer

To date this year, 267 hats were taken to be distributed, more are collected and will be reported as they are given to me.

Cultural Arts

by Pam Fiedler

Cultural Arts: Thanks to the committee for help at the Cultural Arts Show. Also, to Susan Crane for judging- she made us all feel wonderful and special. It was decided that it would be put to vote at the annual meeting whether to have a judge again next year. The board likes the idea and having the judge be the speaker for the evening as well, as she was very entertaining. Althea and Pam will ask at the County Fair if any of the judges there are qualified to judge HCE entries and what the fee would be. Winning entries for State this year need to be at the Extension office by Sept. 11th for Pam to pick up or call Pam at 920-207-0009 to set up an appointment to drop at Pam's house. You can pick them back up on Sept. 20th at the Extension office.

County International Report

by Alice Walter

I have a shoebox filled with gardening supplies for the state conference for WIS/NIC. The box has hand tools like trowels, planters, cultivars and weeders. Also several balls of twine for marking rows, plant name tags and many pairs of gardening gloves.

I do not plan to go to Stevens Point for delivery of items. I don't have enough items to deliver and it takes too much time and is expensive at this time.

The state is still working on the bee project. At the state conference, we will be voting on a new state international person. Diane is from our district, Dodge County. Maybe a new project for the next 3 years will be selected.

If you or your club plan on filling a box, bring it along to the conference. Several suggestions for the box are: cooking and baking, sewing items, hair items, gardening, or school supplies. Please mark on the outside of the box with contents and name of club and county. Also keep box items to one category.

HCE Book Club News - Nancy Wagner & JoAnn Gadick

This is a reminder of our next book discussion. It is titled *Not Tonight Josephine: A Road Trip Through Small Town America* by George Mahood. This is a story of two Brits, George and Mark, who set off from New York City to explore the back roads of America. In this calamity-ridden travel tale, George sets out in true clichéd fashion to discover the real America.

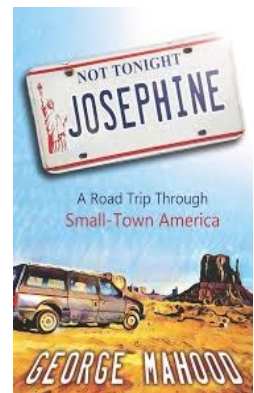
Throw in plenty of run-ins with the police, rapidly dwindling finances and Josephine - the worst car in the world - and you have all the ingredients for a classic American road trip. It keeps you wondering if George and Mark will make all the way to California.

And then there is Rachel, George's girlfriend, left back in England. Would travelling to the United States without her turn out to be the stupidest decision he had ever made? Lots of adventures and low finances make for an interesting read.

We will be meeting at *Pizza Ranch*, located 3518 Kohler Memorial Drive on Thursday, September 5th at 11:30 a.m. Please pay for your lunch as you come in. We ask that each of you think of a couple of questions for the discussion of the book.

If anyone wishes to join the discussions, we are always happy to have additional participants. We always welcome suggestions for future books when we meet.

Hope to see you there!



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Hi State Conference ladies...

Thanks so much for helping out as workshop and dining room hostesses. As we are doing these tasks, please also assist with any room locations if people look lost. Please help them find the next workshop, cultural arts room, market place and silent raffle room. I am asking all of Sheboygan County members to serve in that task. There will be a Command Center where you will get the bag for the presenter and your black top hat. That is your identifying item, so people may ask you questions. Please return the top hat after your workshop so they are ready for the next hostesses. They are not for you to keep.

I will email your master assignments mid August. Thanks again in advance to all of you. I will be all over the place. Call me if questions during state or before.

Carolyn Dreier
Hostess coordinator
920-627-2739

WAHCE Annual Conference

September 16-18, 2024, Appleton

Experience the Magic of HCE

There is magic everywhere! Starting with the tour of Houdini's Mansion, progressing to Monday dinner with the Magic of Leadership and ending with the luncheon on Wednesday. Magician D J Ehlert of Kenosha Magic will stroll throughout lunch on Tuesday with a variety of magic tricks to entertain us. Inga Witcher will share about her enchanting small farm in West Central Wisconsin and how she turns milk into cheese. Workshops are full of excitement. If you haven't registered yet, there is still time. Deadline to register is August 15, 2024

Think about donating an item reflecting this theme to the Silent Auction and/or the State HCE Cultural Arts Raffle.

Cooking with Modern Appliances

Monday, September 9, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM (Note Time Change)

UW-Extension Rooms 5020 & 5022

Plan to attend this informative meeting to learn about Air Fryers and Instant Pots. Kim Poirier, from Green Bay, will demonstrate how to use both appliances. We will learn how to shop for one and then learn what you can do with it.

Cooking with Modern Appliances
Monday, September 9, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Club/Individual Name: _____

Names of Members Attending: _____

Names of Prospective/Family Members Attending: _____

Total number of packets required _____

Return to: UW-Extension Sheboygan County, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

Email Or Call: tammy.zorn@wisc.edu or 920-459-5904

Deadline: September 2, 2024

Member to Member Theme - Foods Prepared in a Crock Pot

Monday, October 14, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

"Foods Prepared in a Crock Pot" is the theme for this year's Member to Member night. Think of recipes that could be served as a main dish, side dish, dessert or even a breakfast item. Each member should submit a recipe to Tammy Zorn, tammy.zorn@wisc.edu or mail to UW-Extension Sheboygan County, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 by October 1, 2024.

Each club should bring 2 dishes to sample, along with small cups to serve your sample food. This year, individual members with last names beginning with F thru W are asked to bring a sample. (2023 members A thru E brought samples)

HCE Annual Meeting

Monday, October 14, 2024

We will hold our annual association meeting following the Member to Member portion of the evening. At this meeting we will hear reports from Committee Chairs, approve the proposed budget and elect new officers. We will choose to either support Fresh Meals on Wheels for another year or choose another organization to support. The 2025 Proposed Program will be presented for approval.

Member to Member & Annual Meeting

Monday, October 14, 2024 - 6:00 PM

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Total number of packets required _____

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Email Or Call: tammy.zorn@wisc.edu or 920-459-5904

Deadline: October 7, 2024

2024 HCE Fair Booth Sign Up

2024 Fair Booth Schedule August 29- September 2			
Thursday 12 -2	Julie Boedecker	Saturday 4-6	Alice Walter - No pass
Thursday 2-4	Althea Smith	Saturday 6-8	Judy Diener
Thursday 4-6	Ruth Hering	Saturday 8-close	Deb Zimmermann
Thursday 6-8	Sharon Zimmermann	Sunday 10-12	Alice Walter - No pass
Thursday 8-close	Pam Fiedler	Sunday 12-2	Althea Smith
Friday 10-12	Carolyn Dreier and Joanne Schroeder	Sunday 2-4	Joanne Gadicke
Friday 12-2	Marie Kalies and Carolyn Dreier	Sunday 4-6	Joanne Gadicke
Friday 2-4	Audrey Voskuil and Marilyn Voskuil	Sunday 6-8	Carolyn Dreier
Friday 4-6	Judy Diener	Sunday 8-close	Carolyn Dreier
Friday 6-8	Joyce Smies	Monday 10-12	Alice Walter - No pass
Friday 8-close	Carolyn Dreier	Monday 12-2	Pam Fiedler
Saturday 10-12	Myra Eischen	Monday 2-4	Althea Smith
Saturday 12-2	Phyllis Nyhof	Monday 4-6	Nancy Wagner and Peggy Watson
Saturday 2-4	Ellen McNeese		
PLEASE NOTE ONLY ONE COMPLIMENTARY PASS PER TIME SLOT!			



Lakeview HCE visited Fresh Meals On Wheels in July. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by the staff, a tour of the facility and then we worked on stamping cards to be included with meals. It was a great summer outing.

Sheboygan Co. HCE July 8, 2024 Board Mtg.

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Present: Julie Boedecker, Carolyn Dreier, Myra Eischen, Pam Fiedler, Ann Meyer, Joanne Schroeder, Joyce Smies, Althea Smith, Marilyn Voskuil, Alice Walter, Nancy Wagner, Guest: Marie Kalies, Excused: Kathi Bonde, Kay Keyes, Joan Walvoord

Before the meeting we were asked to keep the people excused in our thoughts and prayers. It was also brought to our attention that Marcelline Protheroe, UPDATE editor for the state HCE was in a motorcycle accident and severely injured. Her husband was killed in this accident. If you wish to send a card, her address is: Marcelline Protheroe, N6131 22nd Dr. Wild Rose, WI 54984.

Joyce Smies will be filling in for Kathi Bonde as long as needed. Carolyn Dreier took over the duties for state convention from Kathi. Thanks to these ladies for stepping up.

Marilyn Voskuil led the association creed.

Myra Eischen took roll call and minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Joanne and 2nd by Pam to approve.

Treasures report was reviewed and accepted for file.

Cultural Arts: Thanks to committee for help at Cultural arts show. Also, to Susan Crane for judging- she made us all feel wonderful and special. It was decided that it would be put to vote at the annual meeting whether to have a judge again next year. The board likes the idea and would encourage having the judge be the speaker for the evening as well, as she was very entertaining. Althea and Pam will ask at the co. fair if any of the judges there are qualified to judge HCE entries and what the fee would be. Winning entries for State this year need to be at the office by Sept. 11th for Pam to pick up to take, or call Pam at 920-207-0009 to set up appointment to drop at Pam's house. You can pick them back up on Sept. 20th at the extension office.

Stitches of Love: To date this year, 267 hats were taken to be distributed, more are collected and will be reported as they are given to Ann.

HCE Book club: Next mtg. will be on Sept. 5. The book discussion will be "Not tonight Josephine". The November mtg. we will be discussing, "Elephant Company" a true story about the use of elephants during WW11. The date is not set yet.

Family & Community Life: discussion about who should be seeing the data collected for our volunteer hours was held. We need to encourage more people to turn in these sheets-as we are again in need of a new county Human Development and Relationships Educator. Alecia Utke-Becker is taking a new position in Waupaca Co. We will miss her but wish her well in her new endeavors. We feel we have such a strong volunteer presence in the community that we should make more people aware of this strength. To date with only 13 responses tallied we have 5054 ½ hours volunteered to the community. A few more will be tallied in, and an update will be given.

Bookworms: 2023-2024 181 sets of books were given. 2024-2025 books are here and there are 160 sets to hand out. Each child receives 8 books that are read in the classrooms and then each child gets one to take home. These are 3- & 4-year-old head start children.

International: Alice has a large box of gardening items to donate at state. If anyone else wants to donate a shoebox of sewing, haircare items, gardening, school supplies, or cooking and baking items (please keep it to one category per box) they can have to Alice or Althea by Sept. 11th to take to state conference. Mark the outside of the box with a list of contents and name of club and county. Bees are still the international project for the year. This fall a new state international leader will be voted in and a new project will be discussed.

VP Programming: The September 9th program has been changed to 10am. Board members are encouraged to bring a bag lunch as we will start the board meeting at 12pm. This should give everyone enough time to use the restroom and start their lunch before the meeting. The 2025 program has been tentatively set. We always have to allow for changes as life throws us curve balls. The new program will be on the back of the recipes at member to member.

An intense discussion was held as we reviewed the by-laws for the County. A unanimous vote was taken and the revisions will be in place to be voted on by the association at the annual mtg. Thanks to Julie Boedecker for all of her countless hours spent researching and rewriting this.

A few slots are still open for the fair booth- please call Carolyn Dreier if you can help out. You can work the booth alone or with a friend or spouse.

Please get your recipes for Member to Member to Tammy if you haven't done so- 2 per club or individual member. All clubs and individual members F-Z are to bring 1 item to share with everyone. Please bring containers to serve your item in- for 35 people.

Gold Note articles need to be to Tammy by August 1.

Next board mtg. will be Sept 9 at 12:00pm please bring a bag lunch.

Walworth Co. HCE will disband at the end of the year.

Reminders: Annual state conference Sept. 16-18 Appleton. Fall southeast district will meet Oct. 16 in Waukesha Co.

Marilyn Voskuil led the Association Prayer.

Joyce Smies adjourned the mtg.

Myra Eischen, Sheboygan Co. HCE secretary.