



A Few Words from President Donna Zarovy

Spring 2025

Dear Kenosha HCE Members:



National Volunteer week was April 20-26. It is an annual celebration that recognizes the contributions of volunteers across the United States. Established in 1974, this week serves to honor those who dedicate their time and efforts to improve their communities and inspire others to engage in volunteer activities. It emphasizes the impact of volunteerism on society and encourages individuals to participate in service projects. According to the National Non-Profit Organization, the value of every hour of volunteer time is \$34.79. Imagine that!!

I wish to thank every one of you for all your contributions to Kenosha County HCE by serving as Officers, on Committees, supporting our Community Service initiative, helping when asked, and wherever you volunteer in our community. I am so thankful and proud for your tremendous support of our volunteer program. Thank you!!!

Kenosha HCE has been so busy since the Annual Meeting. We have had several education programs, an art activity with Jill, the Milaeger's Money kick-off and sale, the very fun and celebratory Spring Event "Hats Off to HCE", our 4th Annual Families Branching Out, the Cultural Arts Show and our May program "Native Tribes of Wisconsin". Attendance at these events was terrific. There are articles about all of them in this newsletter.

Hats off to our new Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education members who joined us this year including Jeanette Beard (who joined us from the now disbanded Walworth County HCE), Cara Christensen, Ellen Kupfer (our newest member), Barb Ludwig, Angela Nevoso (household member), Kathy Orisek, Anette Reese (also from Walworth County), Jen Weinstein, and Debbie Wilson. It is fantastic the way we are growing!!

This issue includes information about the 2025 WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference to be held in Green Bay at the Tundra Lodge Hotel, Waterpark and Conference Center. I know several of you have registered. I hope we have another great turnout like 2024!

Sincerely,

Donna Zarovy
2025 Kenosha HCE President



WAHCE Annual Business Meeting and Conference Center

September 15-17, 2025

Tundra Lodge Resort – Waterpark and Conference Center
865 Lombardi Avenue, Green Bay WI 54304

Check the May issue of UPDATE for Registration and Conference Info or go to www.wahceinc.org and follow the Conference info links.



2025 KCAHCE Calendar!

There's always a place for you in HCE, as we learn • care • share and grow stronger together! The following are the programs and events for Kenosha County HCE for the remainder of 2025.

- ◆ **SUMMER FUN EVENT**~ To keep us together • on the go • watch for info!
- ◆ **August** -- Salem Community Library Display and 'New Member Communi-TEA', TBA
- ◆ **Thursday, August 7**, KAMP KCAHCE Pic-IN-lc. 5:30 pm. Birchwood Grill “Campsite”
- ◆ **Thursday, September 4**, 6:30PM, *KCC, "Active Aging", Cindy Lester
- ◆ **Saturday, October 18**, Fall Focus, “Fall Into HCE”, Fireside Restaurant, Kenosha, 11:30 am
More information to follow in August.
- ◆ **Thursday, November 6**, 1:00 PM, *KCC, Westosha Senior Center staff member, "Internet and Technical Tips".
- ◆ **December 4**, 11:00 AM, Birchwood Grill, "In the Nick of Time" RSVP/\$. Lunch & Show & Tell (share a holiday memory/ item). Bring PB&J for local shelter.

*KCC: Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th Street, Bristol, WI (northeast corner of Highways 45 & 50). Programs open to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 262-697-3459. Thank you.

~Jerin Moore, HCE Program Vice President

Please double check that your Program Book has these dates. These are the correct dates for the programs for the rest of the year.



March Education Program

The March Education Program – Houseplants and Succulents was held at the Milaeger’s Sturtevant location. It also served as the kick-off for our “Milaeger’s Money for Scholarships” campaign. Prior to the program, Paul from Milaeger’s and his staff prepared a lunch for us made on his treasured Traeger Grill. The pulled pork sandwiches were fantastic! Thank you to the Milaeger’s staff.

We learned a lot about care of houseplants, succulents and other plants.



“Flower Power”



This is the third year for our “Flower Power” campaign to raise money to support the Kenosha County HCE Scholarship Program. We launched the sale at Milaeger’s on March 5th. Orders were taken until April 6th. There was a total of 38 orders – 117 certificates for “anything in dirt” and 19 for “anything in the store.”

Thank you to everyone who ordered certificates. Along with the 38 orders, we had several donations so our total for the scholarship fund is a little over \$1,000! Great job everyone. Please send pictures of your creations in mid-June for the next Extension Line.

~ Donna Zarovy, Milaeger’s Money Committee

Art with Jill



Take a few beads, a pot stake, imagination, and a bobble – and you have HCE “Art with Jill”. Held March 20th at Birchwood Grill, we started with lunch and then crafting. It was a fun time to kick back and get to know one another. The “Plant Jewelry” or “Fairy Wands” was a good way to unwind & relax.



Thank you Jill Montgomery, Rita Larson, and Ruth L. Rossman, of the Merry Makers HCE Club for organizing this fun event. We not only learned something new, but have a great showpiece for our gardens or flowerpots.

~ Jerin Moore, photos and story

“Hats Off to HCE” Spring Event



The 2025 Spring Event was chaired by the Bristol Club; where we celebrated Kenosha HCE friendships, Bristol member Edna Krueger's 100th Birthday and our 74th Kenosha HCE year! The many hats worn at our event were indicative of the many roles our members ‘wear’ in our community!

Casa Capri never fails to provide superb accommodations. Thank you Hondo, Bristol Club and Gail Gillmore's, grandniece Hannah Esch for her “Musical Journey.”

~Jerin Moore, Bristol Co-President

Edna Krueger turns 100 ...

Born April 15, 1925, Edna Hasselman, daughter of John and Marie Hasselman, moved to Kenosha in 1934. She graduated from Mary D. Bradford High School. While attending school she worked at Cooper’s, clerked at Sears and later worked at the Simmons Plant in the office.

Edna met her husband David while roller skating. They were married April 6, 1946, and raised two sons, Alan and Robert. Edna still resides in her home where she gardens and maintains. She has been a member of Kenosha HCE for 53 years. She is pictured with our youngest HCE member, Cara Christenson.

She received proclamations from Governor Evers, County Executive Kerkman and Kenosha Mayor Bogdala.



~ Donna Zarovy, Editor

2025 Families Branching Out

Wow! What a day. Over 350 people attended the 2025 Families Branching Out Expo on April 26th at the Kenosha County Center. We had great weather this year, too. The Safe Kids/Safe Families Run/Walk preceded our Expo.

There were 38 different exhibits including our own KCAHCE activities – the “Slime Lab” and reading corner with members of the Kenosha County Fair Queen’s Court. This year we had 29 exhibitors from 2024 plus nine new ones.

See the list of exhibitors and *please* let us know if you have any suggestions for next year!



Due to the generosity of several local businesses, we were able to purchase backpacks for all the youth and filled them with a variety of goodies. All exhibitors and HCE workers received lunch, too. There were many donors who made this event possible. They are listed below.

There were so many great moments for the kids and everyone. From the Veterans Honor Guard, to the pool noodle boats, to the mascots – Scoopie and Bob, our “Slime Lab”, the Lions Vision Screening, Junior Firemen – and the Kenosha Sheriff’s K-9 unit to name a few.



Kenosha HCE Greeters



One of the best highlights for me was the enthusiasm and assistance of all the Kenosha HCE members who helped – every club was represented on either Friday or Saturday, or both! You made the event WONDERFUL!! It was well organized and fantastically orchestrated. **THANK YOU!!!** I hope we will be able to do this again next year! (I have already applied for a couple of grants!)

And a special thank you to Jerin Moore, Co-Chair, and all the members who served on the Committee including Teri Constant, Mary Flanagan, Florence Hammelev, Justine Hammelev-Jones, Heidi Konz, Tricia Richardson, Pat Rosemann, Ruth L. Rossman, Mary Starr and Linda Volling.

~ Donna Zarovy



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Kwik Trip Corporation
Meijer Grocery
Subway, Paddock Lake
Ana McKinley, Thrivent
Kenosha County HCE Members

A very special thank you to the exhibitors listed below who gave of their time and resources to make the 2025 Families Branching Out Expo the best yet!



- ◆ Aurora Hospital
- ◆ Bristol Fire & Rescue
- ◆ City of Hope Chicago
- ◆ Community Health / Pillar Health
- ◆ Community Impact Program – Foster Care
- ◆ Community Library - Salem
- ◆ Cub Scout Pack 328
- ◆ Culver's & Scoopie Mascot
- ◆ Equus Workforce Solutions
- ◆ Exchange Club
- ◆ Girl Scouts of Wisconsin SE
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ Hope Council
- ◆ Hospice Alliance
- ◆ Captain Lovell Health Center
- ◆ Kenosha Area Family & Aging Services
- ◆ Kenosha County 4-H Small Animal Project
- ◆ Kenosha County Dairy Promotion
- ◆ Kenosha Fair, Wilmot Raceway
- ◆ Kenosha County HCE
- ◆ Kenosha County Aging & Disability Service
- ◆ Kenosha County Parks
- ◆ Kenosha Human Development Services
- ◆ Kenosha Public Library
- ◆ Bookmobile & Mascot BOB
- ◆ Kenosha Sheriff's Citizen's Academy
- ◆ Paddock Lake Area Lions Club
- ◆ Peace Learning Circles
- ◆ Prevention Services Network
- ◆ Pringle Nature Center
- ◆ Root-Pike Win Stormwater Info
- ◆ Society's Assets
- ◆ Southeast Wisconsin Works
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ The Sharing Center
- ◆ United Way
- ◆ Visit Kenosha
- ◆ Westosha Head Start
- ◆ Westosha Kenosha Senior Center



2025 KCAHCE Cultural Arts Event:

The 2025 KCAHCE Cultural Arts Event was held in conjunction with our May education program. There were 26 entries to start. Thanks to all. One in each category can be sent on to the WAHCE Cultural Arts Show. We have many talented members. Looking forward to next year!

- 1 A Painting Arabism Horse Regina LaForge
- 2E Photography People Jeri Moore
- 3F Glass craft Fused Bowl Jill Montgomery
- 4F Jewelry Pendant Jill Montgomery
- 8F Felting Needle Dog Jill Montgomery
- 9 Deconstructed original Santa's Boot Jeri Moore
- 11A Knitting Lace Shawl Ruth Rossman
- 12B Crochet Chemo Hat Ruth Rossman
- 13A Hand stitching - Embroidered Shirt April Kvitek



May Education Program”



“Native Nations of Wisconsin & Indigenous Ways of Knowing”

Annie Jones, PhD
Professor, Organization Development
Tribal Nations Specialist, Departments of Extension and Community & Environmental Sociology



We had a great program turnout for our May "Native American Tribes of Wisconsin" In-Person Badger Talk. Our speaker, Dr. Annie Jones, has worked with Extension for 25 years in various roles. She was the Kenosha County Community Development Educator in the 1990's.

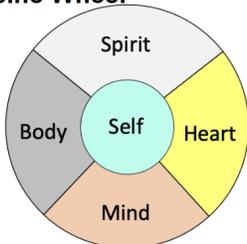
Annie's areas of research include indigenous methodologies like the use of the Native American medicine wheel and cultural teachings to enhance planning and evaluation. She specializes in participatory and community-based action research. It was our first time utilizing the UW Madison Speakers Bureau.



Annie said it is important to incorporate indigenous ways of knowing into our work:

- Community ways of knowing are important elements of working with Native American (and all) audiences – we start where they are
- Take the time needed to build relationships – “People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care”
- Co-creation and inclusion in all phases of our work, especially including planning and evaluation – we work hand-in-hand.
- Adapt materials to be culturally relevant or better yet, lead from culture.

Medicine Wheel



Lessons of the Medicine Wheel:

- Repeating cycles and patterns
- Everything is interconnected
- Whomever is in the circle belongs in the circle
- Change is an all-inclusive experience incorporating our use of self, spirit, heart, body and mind
- We must use all of our gifts in order to be successful



A few of the 40 attendees, including Kenosha HCE members and several community visitors enjoyed the program and had a lot of questions.



~Jerin Moore, VP Programs & Donna Zarovy.



2025 Community Service Project

To date the 2025 Community Service Project was collecting blankets and personal size toiletries for the Freedom is Life organization (Kenosha). With the help of many hands of all clubs at the January Association Meeting, where 9 blankets were assembled and from the many donations from members at that event and at the Spring Event. A total of 43 blankets have been donated as well as several personal size toiletries to date. Good Neighbors will collect at the summer picnic when that is held, if you would like to contribute to the effort.

The Good Neighbors club is very appreciative of everyone involved as is the organization.

Fun with Good Neighbors April 22nd.

7,000+ Eggs stuffed and ready to roll. 😊 The KCAHCE Good Neighbors Club got together to stuff Easter Eggs for the Growing with Bristol Egg Hunt on April 12th at Hansen Park. What a fun and busy morning. Thanks to all who helped!



Note from the KCAHCE Treasurer:

The Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Pennies for Friendship funds have been sent into the State Treasurer and they totaled \$308.15 from the Kenosha County clubs. Thanks to everyone for their contributions.



Ventures in People:

This is a photo of the Ventures in People student that Kenosha HCE sponsored this year. His name is Wawensky Colas, age 9. He is in fourth grade at Gentile Allouette School in Haiti. The student we sponsor may change from year to year.

The annual sponsorship is \$175.00.



In Memory of Joyce Myers

Joyce Myers, of the Kenosha HCE JJ's Club passed away on March 8th. Joyce had been a member of Kenosha HCE since 1966. She was an active and enthusiastic member, having served as a county and club officer, committee member and a helper whenever possible. Her favorite committee was Scholarship. She was so proud to help students with their education and loved being able to help award a scholarship. Thank you, Joyce, we will miss you greatly.



Membership Report:

HCE Membership recruitment is up to each of us. YOUR HCE ENTHUSIASM is the key driver! If you like HCE, why wouldn't others? So Be PROUD and, • Talk • Share • Invite. And then, repeat: Talk about. Share. Invite again at your Clubs, Senior Centers, Classes, Meetings, Bowling etc.

Display your "HCE MEMBER LIVES HERE" sign in your flower bed or porch pot. It's a conversation starter! Use the tools we have in place. Don't have a sign? Ask Jeri or Donna!

If you are enthusiastic others will catch your HCE spirit! MENTOR new members :

- To make them feel welcome! Especially their first year!
- Be their GO TO for questions to assist and communicate via their preferred text ~ email ~ phone etc., method.

New Member Ideas:

- Invite a guest to join you at our Summer KCAHCE picNIC!
- Have an Invite A Friend Club Meeting
- Develop your "ELEVATOR SPEECH" -- A short • concise • minute or so "spiel". Explain "What is HCE"? in the time you'd share in an elevator. Something to pique their interest.

Membership involves the aspects of: Capture • Nurture • Convert • Partner.
YOU ARE THE DIFFERENCE! Share your ideas!

~ Jerin Moore, Membership Chair



Culver's Night

Kenosha County HCE had "Culver's Night" on Monday, April 7th. We received 10% of their sales from 5 – 7 PM.

Thank you to everyone who attended.

The proceeds were used to help sponsor Families Branching Out.

We may try to do another "night" at some other venue later this year to help fund scholarships.

Let me know of your ideas.

~ Donna Zarovy, KCAHCE President

Program Book address additions and changes:

- New Member: Ellen Kupfer, 3791 75th Street, Kenosha, WI 53142, kupfer11e@aol.com 262-496-7866.
- Lila Muhlenbeck email: lilamuhlenbeck@gmail.com
- Patricia Perks, email: perkspat053@gmail.com

2025 KCAHCE Scholarship Recipients

The 2025 KCAHCE Scholarship Committee met in early May to select our 2025 Scholarship recipients. There were four extremely successful and deserving applicants. The decision was very hard and the scores for each very close. They decided to award two \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients are Kaelie Billingsley and Ethan Weinstein.



Kaelie Billingsley, is currently pursuing a degree in animal science at UW-Platteville with the goal of becoming a large animal veterinarian. She grew up on a hobby farm in Paris Township (Bristol), where she developed a deep passion for agriculture and working with animals—values that have guided many of her life choices.

Kaelie graduated from Westosha Central High School, where she was involved in volleyball and various school activities. Outside of school, she has been actively involved in 4-H for 14 years, starting as a Cloverbud. Through 4-H, she had the opportunity to explore a wide range of projects including showing dogs, rabbits, chickens, pigs, and horses, as well as photography and arts and crafts. Kaelie is the daughter of Eric and Shelley Billingsley of Bristol.

Ethan Weinstein is a third-year nursing student currently attending the University of Wisconsin – Madison after receiving credits through Gateway Technical College in high school and during his freshman year. He is hoping to enter the field of public health after graduating college. Ethan states “I have worked hard to set myself up for success in this field, both academically and by taking on leadership responsibilities in my local fencing club and fencing conference which encompasses over 20 schools.” His goal is to earn a master’s in public health after graduating with his nursing degree next year.



Ethan is the President of the UW-Madison Fencing Club and Secretary of the Midwest Fencing Conference. He became an Eagle Scout in 2021 and received an AP Scholar Award in 2022. In addition, he has been a Public Health Intern and a Research Assistant in the Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention. He is the son of Jen and Keef Weinstein.

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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.

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. Also, special thanks to Jerin Moore for all of her photographs.

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