



Horizon

December 2025, January, February 2026

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Message from your President

By Cheryl Gabrielson

Welcome to the Holidays and Winter!

The first thing that I would like to mention are the two State awards received by Jackson County HCE members at the State Convention in September. Jan Eckles received a certificate for 21 years as a Bookworm Chair in 2024. It has been a long time since JCHCE has earned a Stitches of Love Award but I'm happy to report that we won that honor also this year. This award receives a certificate and a check for \$100.00. Three members worked on the project folder that is judged. They are Charlene Galston, Cheryl Gabrielson and Cheri Zahasky.

I need to recognize two JCHCE members who have volunteered for positions outside of Jackson County. They are Susan Grotjahn as State Cultural Arts Chair and Judy Hunter as West District Wisconsin Bookworm Chair. I'm so proud of both of you representing Jackson County at the District and State level. Congratulations!

JCHCE is having a CLUB MANADORY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING on January 5, 2026. That is a change of date from your Program Book. It needs to be attended by each Club President or another Club member and the Executive Board Officers. Please bring your 3-ring binders. So they can be updated for the 2026. We will also be discussing the 90th Anniversary Celebration and what each club needs to help with to make it a success.

Really looking forward to our 90th Anniversary,
Cheryl Gabrielson

DECEMBER

6th. Dec. JCHCE Celebration
Unveiling the 90th.
Anniversary Cookbook
10 AM—Noon Evangelical
Lutheran Church

8th. Executive Board Meeting
1 PM at Extension Office
(Members Welcome)

Corrected Club Roster Sheet
and Collect membership dues
for 2026

January

1st. **Membership Dues, Pen-
nies for Friendship and Cor-
rected Roster Sheet are due.**

5th. CLUB MANADORY
ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING

Attended by Club President or
another Club member and
Executive Board Officers.
Bring 3-ring binders.

February

9th. Horizon Articles for
March/April/ May
are due
(Young Moderns and
Individuals)

9th. Executive Board Meeting
1 PM at Extension
Office
(Members Welcome)

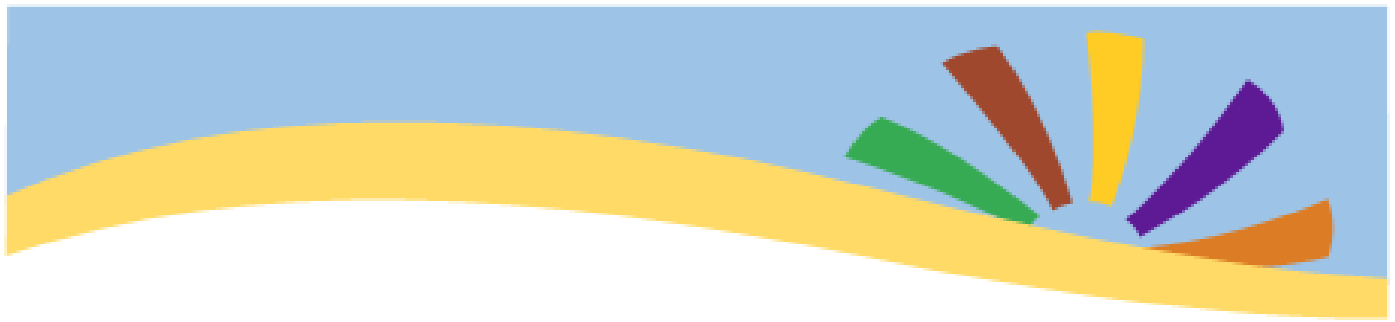
Save-the-date

Monday, July 13, 2026

Interfaith Building

10:00-2:00

Our 90th Anniversary Party



December JCHCE Celebration:

Sing-a-long with Pat Carlson

Finger Foods with Beverages

White Elephant Auction



Unveiling of the 90th Anniversary JCHCE Cookbook

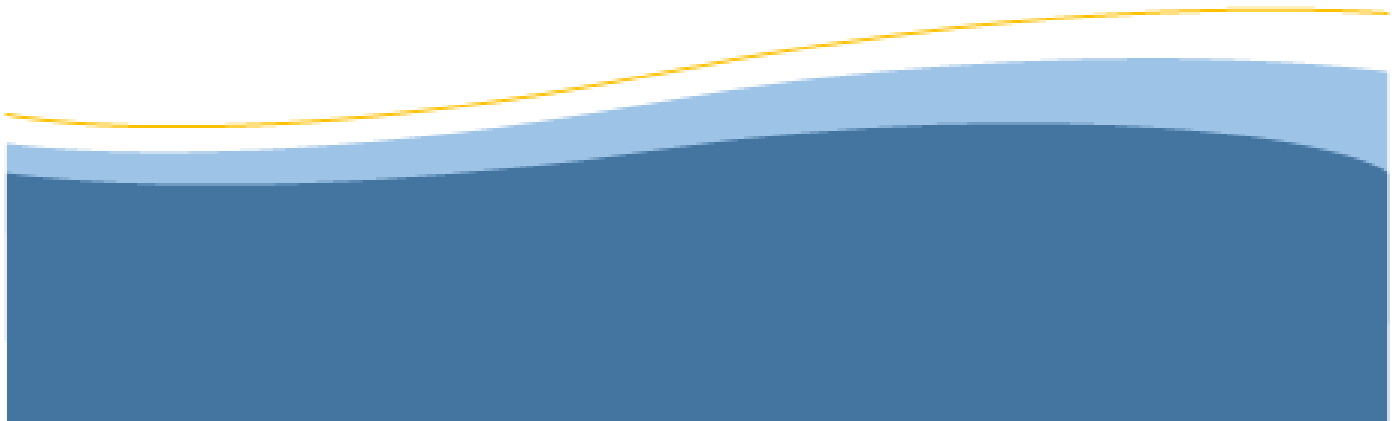
Pick-Up of Preordered 90th Anniversary Cookbooks

Selling extra Cookbooks only to members

Saturday, December 6, 2025 10:00-Noon

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Black River Falls



We have an opportunity from a past member to complete a Cathedral Window hand stitched quilt. Who would be interested in working on some blocks to be completed for our 90th Anniversary Celebration.

Contact Charlene Golston by January 30, 2026
(715)896-9055



The **Young Moderns** HCE Club cordially invites you to join us to a presentation by **Jim Suchanek** about his trip this summer to **Tanzania** and his hike/climb up **Mount Kilimanjaro**.



When: January 12, 2026 9:30 AM

Where: Spaulding Place Community Room

Please RSVP by January 5th to either **Charlene Galston** (715)896-9055 or **Cheri Zahasky** (715)797-2882 so we can make sure we have enough seating and refreshments available.

International Committee Report

Sometimes it's hard to imagine that a small group of women in rural Wisconsin can impact many lives, some that are 1000 miles away but we do in so many ways. Our donations to Pennies for Friendship support Ventures in People, Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners, and Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) which serve women and families in other countries. Though some things are on hold right now with Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners, donations to Ventures in People help to buy water filters to make drinking water safe and support schools in Haiti. Donations to ACWW work in Tanzania Africa to promote education for all ages, supports women's health and education to decrease the incidence of genital cutting and educate women in agricultural practices by providing seeds and other supplies. You may have noticed that there seems to be a common thread here of education. Yes, education is key in empowering women around the world to be better able to care for their families and build better communities.

I must admit that I was surprised that WAHCE supported the Ventures in People program in Haiti. A country that has a corrupt government, where missionaries are assassinated, violence, hunger and disease prevail. Still, I realized that many that live there are innocent victims of this corruption and struggle to survive. They need kindness and help too. Our help can make a difference. For just \$35 you can buy a water filter that will help to provide clean water to a family or town. You can find more information on the VIP website www.viphaiti.org.

A few of the Toallas Amigas hygiene kits went to Guatemala in October of last year and more will go again in February. Marcia is waiting to hear from her contacts if any changes need to be made to the kits. She is also checking to determine where the greatest need might be. I will have more information for you on this project in the next Horizon.

Meanwhile we will continue to sew pillowcase dresses for the young girls in Guatemala. Sewing dates are **January 15, February 19, and March 10**. We will be meeting at the United Methodist Church in Black River Falls from 10-3. The day is set up so that there is a need for sewers and non-sewers. There are extra machines in case you want to sew but don't have or want to bring their own machine. You may come and go as your schedule allows but bring lunch if you plan to stay all day. I've recently seen a pattern that uses old t-shirts to make shorts. Let me know if you have an interest in expanding our sewing endeavors. Let's get those creative juices flowing and serve others.

Charlene Galston
International Committee

Jackson Country Clubs Corner

Cranberry Homemakers

Over the past year we have supported Bibs and Books and maintained membership in the Warrens Area Business Association.

We were asked to serve the reception for 2 funerals this year.

We supported financially and with prayer one of our member's grandson's special needs. And we blessed one of our early members with a gift after her husband died.

Money was donated to one of our member's daughter's Safety Patrol trip to Washington D.C. Donations were also made so one of our members' son could go on a mission trip to Alaska.

We donated money to the Warrens Area Fire District, the new entity providing fire protection in our area.

Favorite and heirloom recipes were contributed for the Jackson County HCE anniversary cookbook. We look forward to its publication.

During August and September, we were very busy preparing for and participating in Cranfest. We sold homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, fudge, and our cookbook at our booth. We had a very successful year!

We continue to sell cookbooks through various local and statewide businesses.

We supported a local ministry for homeless mothers with a donation. We also donated to the Warrens Area Youth Association for their Community Christmas and Hope for the Holidays efforts to provide a special Christmas for those in need.

We also financially supported food pantries in Monroe and Jackson Counties. We will end the year with our annual Christmas potluck and Christmas cookie exchange.

North Branch Club

We started the year with 10 members and have gained on new member over the summer months, a friend of one of our members!

In January and February we tied kid sized blankets that were donated to the Hixton Fire Department.

In March we went out to eat and attended the Whitehall School Play, Annie.

In April we were at Teri's Stamp Pad in Pigeon Falls to make cards with her.

In June and September, we put flowers and mums in the planters in Alma Center on Main Street.

In October, we hosted the Fall Business Meeting/Round-Up.

We meet on the third Monday evening at 6:30pm at the Garden Valley Town Hall.

Submitted by: Susan Grotjahn

Award Winners from the Fall Business Mtg

Scholarship Winner- Breanna Baker

Friend of HCE- Mighty Table

Outstanding Member of the Year- Charlene Galston

Honorary Outstanding Member of the Year- Lillian Hart (posthumously)

Outstanding Club/Committee of the Year- Cookbook Committee

Community Volunteer Service Award- Jan Eckles

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Sharing what we learn.
Caring to make a difference in our homes,
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