Dear HCE Members,

I need to apologize for not getting a newsletter out sooner. With Mother Nature and a few serious flu bugs all energy went down the drain. But I am now up and running.

The President Activity Day was the only Tuesday in January we didn’t have a snow storm. Twenty-five members enjoyed Steve Peterson, a Civil War historian.

Stitches of Love was held on February 8th at the Pensaukee Town Hall, with an informal Executive Board meeting. Not enough members for a meeting.

On March 8th, twenty-seven members went to see the Cheese Judging in Green Bay. Thanks to Margaret Lowery’s son Ken. We had a fun day. 2000+ cheeses, butter, and yogurt.

The program by Professor Kalgren on Abe Lincoln was held on March 21st. This is always very interesting.

April 20th, 9:30, Wells Fargo Bank, Gillett. Potluck lunch, Hearing Loss is our lesson. The Spring Banquet was held May 2nd.

So the newsletter is for April and May, with June reminders. Hope to see you at our meetings.

Sincerely,

Joy Campshure
HCE President
HELP HELP! We are in need of members to sew book bags. I have about 200 ready to sew. So for now, we do not need any material for book bags. In 2016 we gave out 140 student bags and 12 teacher bags. So we are really set if we can get them sewn. I am running out of storage for any more now.

As always, we can use slippers, hats, and cards for book markers. Everyone is happy to receive these items.

REMINDER

The June 22nd picnic was not included in the 2017 program schedule. So mark your calendar for June 22nd, 2017. This is a potluck lunch at 11:30 AM at the home of Joy Campshure, County President. Lemonade, plates, and silverware will be provided. Come and have a good time rain or shine. Joy

LOCATIONS

Oconto Falls Library
251 Main Street
Oconto Falls, WI 54154
920-846-2673

Gillett Public Library
200 E Main Street
Gillett, WI 54124
920-855-6224

Brazeau Town Hall
10892 Parkway Road
Pound, WI 54161
920-897-3855

Suring Area Public Library
604 Main Street
Suring, WI 54174
920-842-4451

Wells Fargo Bank
100 E 1st Street
Gillett, WI 54124
920-855-1000

Pensaukee Town Hall
4684 Brookside Road
Abrams, WI 54101
920-835-5370

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200 E Main Street
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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Let’s collect Hair and Nail Products for the months of February and March for Nicaragua Learning Centers.

Brushes, combs, rollers, pins, clips, ribbons, curling irons, blow dryers, and things you use. Nail polish, files, clippers, remover, cotton balls, or any other items that you use. You can bring these items to our monthly meeting in Gillett at the Bank.

Joy, Arlene, and myself made a trip to the Nicaragua Warehouse to drop off a van load of items that we had collected. Also have made about 100 quilt-lets to be sent to the different clinics for use.

Thanks to all that brought items.

Happy Holidays!
International, Ruth Dehne
Fall Association Meeting October 18 2016

Meeting called to order at 12:20 pm, with the flag pledge and the homemakers creed, with 21 members present.

Secretary’s report-corrections- Karen Prueter made the presentation on Breeze into Learning and Ruth Dehene made a presentation on volunteering hours, and keeping records. Charlotte Ihde made a motion to accept the minutes, and Evie Parker 2nd it, motion carried.

No Treasure’s report.

Additions to the agenda-Lynn Schmidt made a motion to make extra copies of the homemakers creed and prayer, 2nd, by Arlene Hanrahan, carried. Summer Picnic- Joan Houska made a motion to have the picnic at Joy Campshure on June 22, 2017 pot-luck, Karen Kadlec, 2nd it, carried.

We did new business first---Spring Banquet, at Romney’s on May 2nd 2017, will need a theme and entertainment, a possible theme is “you light up my life” and possible entertainment is Jeannie Bickle. Eileen Sallman’s daughter, will be invited as our guest, for all the good things she has done for HCE. Marion Lesiner made a motion 2nd, by Eileen Sallman to buy 2 more 6ft tables. Carried. Ruth Dehene, Arlene Hanrahan, Joy Campshure, and Judy Hill are going to the district meeting, so far 87 are registered. Books R 4 U—October 12 2017, at the Brazeau Town Hall. This year, 120 kids will get book bags, still can use scissors, glue. And rulers. HCE-- all clubs received a sample of the Manitowoc brochures. What is needed now is, for the Oconto cty. Homemakers to making a sign, Margaret Drewry suggested maybe New View, could make us one. Margaret said, she would look into it. The brochures will be put in libraries, and banks promoting HCE. A suggestion made by the Couillardville club, for the county homemakers, to have a barn quilt made and have it place on a public building in the county, promoting HCE. Lots of discussion of what to put on it and where to place it was heard. Table for more discussion.

Old Business—Breeze into Learning, a lot of time and work went into this program. WE had 35 people plus teachers, enjoying the day. All committee members terms are done. To continue this program a new committee will be needed. A motion made by Lynn Schmidt, 2nd by Shirley Peters too table the Breeze into Learning for ever, unless their are members to be on the committee, carried.

Officers Terms—Karen Prueter recommended too elect a president and secretary one year and the vice president another year, so that we don’t have all new officers at the same time 2nd by Carol Butrymowicz, motion carried. Then Karen Prueter made a motion for currant terms for the president and secretary, to end 2018 and the vice president and treasure to end 2019, Pat Bath 2nd, carried. Korea —November 15, registration due by November 8 $2:00 to Joanne Swanson 3807 Abrams, 54101, held at Gillett Wells Fargo Bank, lesson given by Kristen Laufenberg lunch will be a Thanksgiving Dinner, Shirley Peters will make the turkey everyone else bring food pertaining to Thanksgiving.

Motion for meeting to adjourn made by Margaret Drewry 2nd by Arlene Hanrahan closed with homemakers prayer, respectfully Maggie Hornik
Walking Main Street

It was the end of August, the week before school started, and my phone rang. It was my sister Joanne, who is a retired elementary school, who subs, for the Oconto Falls, Abrams, and the Oconto school systems. The Oconto Falls retire teachers, usually meet for breakfast, on the first day of school, but, this year, it was made for a week before school started. Joanne has her two grandkids, during the summer, Trey is a handicap 18 yr. And Paige is 8. Joanne wanted to know if Paige, could spend a couple of hours, with me, and Trey was going to help his Uncle Bernie. I said “OK”

Now what to do for a couple of hours, with an 8yr? It was a beautiful day, to nice to watch TV, or color, I know she can walk the Oconto main street, helping me put up posters, in the stores, for our St Anne de Beaupre Society and K.C. 3 card parties starting in September. [We try to work around the Packer games.] Paige comes and we go down town. Usually, when I put up posters, I usually lock up my fanny pack up in “Mrs C”. But Paige, wanted to carry the posters, so I carried my fanny pack. We had 3 more stores to go to and my stomach started rumbling. [I have an IBS problem,[irritable bowel system] but I figured I could get the 3 places done and have plenty of time to find a bathroom. So we walked in the realty office, and no one was up front, and I don't leave a poster, unless, the owner says ok, so I says hellooooo, no one answered or came to the front, so I says again, hellooo, waited a few minutes and again no one answered or came to the front. Paige looks at me and says “looks like no one is here” I agreed and turned around to walk out. I turned the door knob and it wouldn't turn. No matter how I tried, we were locked in. Paige came and stood by me and says “can't we get out?” “No I says it looks like were locked in”. I figure the door was on an alarm system, and it wasn't locked we walked in and when the door shut behind us it was locked. Now my stomach was really rumbling, and Paige says “lets go out the back door,” and all I could see was cars coming with red and blue lights flashing. So I says “No we can't do that , the alarm will go off and the police will think we are stealing something” There isn't any phones on the desks, wait, I think, I have my cell phone with me, I did. Called 911 and said “operator this is not an emergency, but I need help. My name is Maggie Hornik and my great niece Paige,and I are LOCKED in the realty office. I think she smothered a laugh, and asked me to repeat it, and so I did. She said help is on the way.

Now, I really have to find a bathroom, so I said “Paige you stand by the window and watch for the policeman while, I find a bathroom”. “OK” she says. Now Paige calls me either Aunt Maggie or Grandma Maggie, and just as I find the bathroom, “Paige says “Grandma Maggie did you find the bathroom”? “Yes says I” Then she says Grandma Maggie, are there anybody lying on the floor back there”? “No says I” “OK” says Paige. Just as I was sitting down, “Paige says “Grandma Maggie, the policeman is coming”. “OK” says I and I gets to the front as he pulls up. He tries the keys that he has in hands, and they won't unlock the door. So he gets on his phone, and calls the owner and punches in the code. We were free. I thanked him, so much, and laughing said that never happened to me before, he's laughing and says, he's been on the force for 23 years and that has never happened to him before either. Paige and finished putting up the posters and then went to McDonalds, and got Paige a Happy Meal and Trey Chicken McNuggets meal, and took her to Grandma Joanne's. As we are getting out of Mrs C, I told Paige she should tell Grandma of our adventure, she looked at me and says, “I Can't” I says “Why can't you” Paige says “because Grandma would never believe me” I looked at Paige and you know what,? I don't think I would believe a story like that either, so I went in and told Joanne of our adventure.. We both had a good laugh.

Respectfully summitted by Maggie Hornik
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE NEWS

As you all know, I listed one of my goals in the Communicator, my main focus will be on the Caribbean and Central America. One of the things we are working on this year is to sew "Therapy Quilts" for Nicaragua. The instruction for the quilts follows.

Lightweight Quiltlets for Medical Centers in Nicaragua

- Use Cotton Fabric.
- Use two pieces of fabric (no batting).
- Sew the two pieces together and then quilt with embroidery threads or yarn or simply topstitch the edges and a few times across the center.
- Make in different sizes—anywhere from one yard pieces of fabric to two yards or so—and any size in between. Usually the width of the fabric (45" wide) can also use up your smaller pieces of fabric from quilting making squares, designs or whatever else works.
- Color is always good and cheerful—children’s or any happy design.
- The labels can be ironed onto a piece of muslin type of fabric or the label can be ironed directly onto the backing piece of fabric (if the fabric is quite plain). Labels are available for your use from the W/NP Office.

The children in the hospital are anywhere from infants, toddlers to young teens. Therefore larger size quilts are also in need. They are also used for adults to have a light cover for dignity.

Thank you very much for your time and generosity.

Lylene Scholz, International Chair

WISCONSIN FRIENDSHIP CHORUS—SOS

Do you love to sing? Do you enjoy meeting great people and traveling within the state? You are needed!

The Wisconsin Friendship Chorus has an invitation for 2017 and needs a commitment from HCE members at this early date.

For details contact Carol Anderson:
WFC Coordinator, S10976 Co. Rd. C,
Spring Green, WI 53588
Email carol.anderson087@gmail.com

Dear Joy & Stitches of Love,

Thank you for the cozy warm blanket. It was a pleasant surprise to receive a beautiful blanket made with love. I truly appreciate it.

Mary Rhoades

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket. It will come in handy on Cheno day. She is always cold!

Sherrilee Buse
THANK YOU NOTES FROM BOOK BAG RECIPIENTS

Dear Ladies,

Wishing you peace, love and laughter this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Thank you so much for all the hard work you do for the teachers and students at White Lake School. The books and school supplies are greatly appreciated, and the children's hearts & pockets will keep all warm.

(12/6/17) Mary Stower

Thank you for visiting and bringing us gifts!

White Lake Elementary

Caleb
Gibson
John
Cal Solo
Christian
Natalie
Destini
Jonathan
Lilian
Connor
Kayden
Maryella
White Lake
4th

Mrs. Stouffer's 3/4

Alexis
Kai Lee
Giana
Mathew
Nick
Shyanne
Smith
Caleb
Elliott
Brody
Keagen
Mia
Aaron
Alexa
Dunbar
Lian Dro

Ms. Lavery's 2/3

Brice
Linzie
Madalynn
Remington
Madeline
Declan
Mack
Isaac
Rachel
Evelyn

Ms. Wickersheim's 1st
Destinee
Kianne
Jennifer
Evelyn
Robbie
Lashawn
Echo
Ava

Ms. Wickersheim's K

Larm
Arianna
Alexa
Dawane

William
Ashlyn
Dyanna
Grace
Demi
Lyndon
Oconto Home + Community Education Association,
We at Wabenoco Head Start greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity each year at this time. You bring joy to the hearts of so many children. Thank you!
Staff & Children at Wabenoco Head Start

Joy and The Oconto County Homes and Community Education Association,

Thank you for the school supplies and books! Our students enjoyed your visit and the donations,

Thank you,
Angela Wickersheim
1st grade teacher
White Lake School

Thank you for the school supplies and books!

Emanue Wild
Kara Holbrook
Alexis Grable
Carter Holbrook
Gage Steckbauer
Eden
Taylor
Katrina Pranke
Taylor Vega
Mrs. Nathan

breyanna monson
Aiden Fredrick
Kay Vion
Kealey Buetting
Joseph politt
Haylee Orley
Haden Roberts
Bryor Wagner

Wishing you the very best of the season
Amelia Aleman
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Learn skills in CPR, AED use, and relief of choking in adults, children, and infants. These simple lifesaving skills are easy to learn. Class is open to adults and children 12 years and older.

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*one family*  
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stclarememorial.org
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- How to set personal health goals
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- Questions to ask your doctor
- Local resources

For more Information
Contact ~ Family Living Program
Oconto County UW-Extension
Tel: (920) 834-6848

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Strong Bones

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- Increased:
  Strength / Muscle mass / Bone density

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  - Diabetes / Heart Disease
  - Arthritis / Osteoporosis
  - High Blood Pressure

Strong Bones Classes

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Tel: 920-834-6848

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