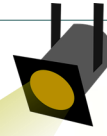




Spotlight



January-February-March 2024

President's Letter By Tamara Schulte

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays with family and friends. It is a busy time, make sure to take some time to smell the roses (or make that pine). It doesn't feel like the holidays with the warm weather we are having, but I am enjoying it.

My name is Tamara Schulte, I will be your president for the coming HCE year. My husband, Rick and I have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. We live outside of Monroe. I enjoy gardening, quilting, crafts and spending time with family and friends. I must say, the best part of having children is grandchildren. They truly are a blessing.

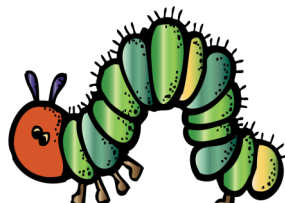
I was able to attend the Southwest district meeting in November. It was enjoyable and we were able to make connections with fellow HCE members from our district. The guest speaker was a photographer, Michael Knapstein from Middleton. He has published a book with photographs of the beauty of our state, "Wisconsin - Beauty of Nature."

The next executive board meeting will be on January 8th at 5:00pm at the Justice Center. All HCE members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Tamara Schulte
President, Green County HCE

ADK—Thank you!!!

Thank you to the ADK education sorority for donating \$100 to Homemakers for the bookworm project. We greatly appreciate your donation!



Upcoming Events

January 1	New Year's Day
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 19	President's Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
March 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 19	First day of Spring
March 31	Easter Sunday

Spotlight Article Deadlines

Just a reminder that the Spotlight is published on a bi-monthly basis. Executive Board members and Club Secretaries, please make sure your articles are to the Extension office by these dates. We also want to encourage any HCE member that has anything to be published to drop it off at the office or email it to Samantha at swileman@wisc.edu.

Remember, this is your newsletter!

April/May.....	March 15
Summer.....	May 15
Oct/Nov.....	Sep 15
Dec/Jan.....	Nov 15
Feb/March.....	January 15



HCE County Membership

ABC	10 Members
Adams	6 Members
Ambitious Mrs.	9 Members
City Country Mixers	8 Members
Country Aires	5 Members
Udder Gals	5 Members
Independent	9 Members

Please collect money for Pennies for Friendship and get it to Kris Winkler the county treasurer.

Cultural Arts

By Mary Ann Krebs

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas with family and friends. The hustle and bustle of the season makes us looking for a calmer few months. A good snow storm would let us stay home and start or finish a project. I know I could use some down time. I have been thinking of what to do for our county cultural arts program. If Kelly Gratz would be able to do another water color painting demonstration that would be great. Everyone seemed to enjoy her last year, even those of us with little talent. If anyone has someone in mind for a program, please give me a call. Keep working on your projects and enjoy the winter season.

Mary Ann Krebs, Cultural Arts Chairman,
608-325-9208



Green County HCE Executive Board Minutes, November 2, 2023

President, Kristi Leonard, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Those in attendance recited the Homemakers Creed.

Minutes as printed were approved by Sue Lyons and Lynn Lokken.

The agenda was approved by Kris Winkler and Tamara Schulte.

The Treasurer's report was approved by Mary Ann Stauffacher and Sue Lyons.

State Convention report – Sue Lyons, Donna Cockcroft, Kathy Weaver and Kristi Leonard were responsible for registration all three days. The income from the raffle items was \$1,079. Kathy Weaver also helped with the Cultural Arts judging. Mary Ann Krebs gave the placings of the Green County entries in the Cultural Arts categories. The convention next year will be in Appleton, WI. Lynn Lokken and Kris Winkler were thanked for making up baskets for the raffle.

A discussion was held on the program called Lasagna with Love.

The Southwest District Meeting will be held in Poynette, WI November 2. Four members made reservations.

Election of Officers was held with the following results –

President - Tamara Schulte

Vice President – Sue Lyons

Secretary – Mary Ann Stauffacher

Treasurer – Kris Winkler

Scholarship and International – Tamara Schulte

Bookworms – Kristi Leonard

Program – Donna Cockcroft

Family and Community Life – Lynn Lokken

Meeting was closed with the Prayer Creed.

Motion to adjourn made by Lynn Lokken;
seconded by Mary Ann Stauffacher.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Stauffacher, Secretary

ATTENDEES: Sue Lyons, Kristi Leonard, Kathy Weaver, Mary Ann Krebs, Tamara Schulte, Kris Winkler, Mary Ann Stauffacher, Lynn Lokken

Bookworms Report

By Kristi Leonard

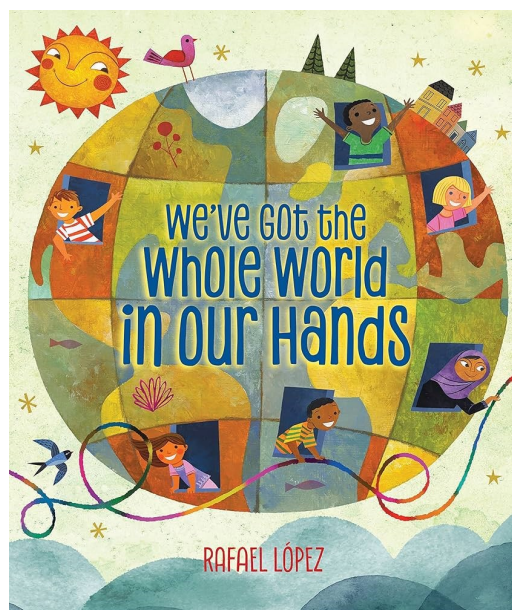
Chicken in Mittens -

by Adam Lehrhaupt was the book read in December.



We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands/
Tenemos el mundo entero en las manos -

by Rafael Lopez will be read on January 9th
lead by Ellen Hossman.



Family Corner

By Lynn Lokken

As I write this, I've just returned from a joyful musical concert in a beautiful church setting. I love this time of year and all the beautiful lights and music. I close my eyes and remember the days of my childhood and learning many of these songs in school and Sunday school. I remember the loved ones that have left us and I smile (yes, at times there are tears too). It is such a joyful time of year and I hope that you all are blessed too. But then, the New Year arrives....what will 2024 hold for me, for us? We don't know. Some things to think about for 2024 are going beyond the typical resolutions like hitting the gym, losing weight. Consider more outside-the-box ideas like learning how to invest your money, volunteering your time to charity, or trying a new hobby! No matter which route you choose, there are so many ways to create a happier and healthier life in the New Year. You could also plan to: get more sleep, try a new recipe each week, be kind to yourself and others, be kind to the environment, set a goal once a month to do something you've never done before. That could mean eating at a new restaurant, gardening, learning salsa, or even painting your bedroom a different color. However small or big, it's still something to look back on at the end of the year. So you've set a New Year's resolution and haven't stuck to it. No worries, there is a day for that too it's Quitters Day, the second Friday in January, which is dedicated to restarting those resolutions. While some people love the tradition of setting a goal each January 1, others argue it's a waste of time since most resolutions fail by mid-March. So as a member of HCE, let's spread a little kindness and learn something new each month. Let the Executive Board or your club president know what you would like to learn this year and we can try and get a program together so that we can gather and learn from each other. Enjoy and Blessings to all for a Great 2024.



Blood Mobile Dates

Here are the dates for 2024 for Blood Mobile held at the Methodist Church in Monroe, WI.

They are always in need of folks to donate blood and to volunteer your time as a greeter, etc. Contact Lynn Lokken if you have any questions on volunteering.

- Monday, January 29
- Monday, March 25
- Monday, June 3
- Monday, July 29
- Monday, September 30
- Monday, November 25



2024 WAHCE Conference

More information to come on the 2024 WAHCE Conference in Appleton, WI. The conference will be held September 16-18, 2024.

Watch for information
about the
2024 Conference

**“Experience the
Magic of HCE”**

At the Hilton Paper
Valley, Appleton, WI

In the May 2024
UPDATE and on the
WAHCE Website



New Year Word Search

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Homemaker's Creed

We, the Homemakers of Wisconsin, believe in the sanctity of the HOME, the cradle of character, blessed by motherly devotion and guarded by fatherly protection.

We pledge ourselves:

- To work for the preservation and improvement of home and community life;
- To strive for healthier minds and bodies and better living;
- To promote the welfare of our boys and girls, the nation's greatest asset;
- To be true to God and country and of lasting service to our homes and communities.

~Mrs. John Meise, Sauk County



Prayer Creed

Dear God,

Give us the grace to see
The blessings which have come from
thee;

Give us the strength to do our duty.
To see in everything some beauty.

Teach us that love and cheerful giving,
tolerance and decent living,

Make our home a place sublime,
Where there's no room for hate or crime,

A place where good friends gather round;
Where laughter, mirth, and cheer abound,

Not selfish thoughts, not worldly greed,
Let this, Dear Master, be our Creed.

~Mrs. James M. Hutton, St. Croix County

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HCE Offers Opportunities for:

- ***Learning in a social setting***
- ***Sharing what we learn***
- ***Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities and the world.***

WAHCE Values

- ***Families and Communities***
- ***Opportunities for personal growth through learning, sharing and volunteering.***
- ***Meeting great people and forming friendships and enjoyment.***
- ***Volunteering to make a difference***
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