I’m sure we are all busy getting prepared for family and friends for sharing Christmas with. It’s usually extra busy if you are a candy and cookie baker. But they all taste so good. I for one do make the family favorites, Frosted cashew nut cookies, peanut butter balls, coconut balls and then of course the frosted cut out cookies.

So Merry Christmas to all and a very Happy New Year. Hope to see all of you in the New Year!

I want to say Thanks to Clubs and Individuals who sent cards or called at the time of my husband’s death. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by me and my family.

Thanks for the plant from HCE. It’s times like this that Friends are as important as Family.

As we don’t know what is in store for us, we need to remember not to take things for granted and enjoy each day to the fullest. After all we don’t know what each new day will bring.

As we start 2013 we will be in our new District. We have gone from 4 clubs to 9 in the Central District.

Another change we need to work with is the fact that we will have another new Family Living Educator with the resigning of Kristen Konczak. We wish her well in the future.

As we go forth with our new programs planned for the year, hopefully everyone will enjoy what was chosen. Remember we do take suggestions when planning them.

And just a reminder in April or May we will be getting together with Waupaca to plan the 29th Annual Learn-In which Shawano County will host this year. So any ideas are appreciated. Also the date will be posted for the 1st meeting and newcomers are always welcome to be on the planning committee. If you have ideas if you could provide a name of a person to present it that would also be helpful.

Looking forward to the new year.

Helen Raddant
Shawano County HCE President

2013 Fair History Display

It’s our turn! We’ve seen fabulous history exhibits at the Shawano County Fair. Remember the township displays, churches, cheese factories and the hospital? This year it’s our turn! In honor of UW-Extension’s 100th Anniversary, the 2013 Fair History display will feature Extension Education in Shawano County. HCE is a very important part of Extension history. The Family Living committee is asking for your help.

We need the history of your club with pictures, and any other articles you have to display pertaining to the work of your club. I’m putting together a questionnaire to help you to remember projects of the past. Your club will be receiving the questionnaire with your program books and January lesson.

Please fill it out at your meeting and send it to the address below. Any pictures that are accepted will be scanned and returned to you. Each picture should have the people identified and tell what the occasion is. These materials will be used for the display in the Farmers building at the Fair in August. That may seem far away, but we need the information in the next couple months to get the photos scanned and stories written.

Please contact me if you have any questions: Joyce Natzke W4251 Porter Rd, Bonduel, WI 54107 Phone: (715) 758-2718 or (715) 509-0120 Jknatzke@tds.net or call the Historical Society at (715) 526-3323.

Calendar of Events

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THE BEAMS:

CENTER I

A-Z donated 2 coats to Coats for Kids. On Dec. 10th one of their members Jessine Winter passed away. Florence Miller thanked UWEX for $10 chamber bucks for participating in On the Move & In the Groove.

Kitchen Maids donated $100.00 and 9 dozen homemade cookies to the Tilleda Food Pantry. They are delivering fruit baskets to shut-ins & former HCE members for the holiday. A donation of $100.00 was also made to Toys for Tots to help purchase needed toys that do not get donated. Celebrated Christmas with a gathering at Micki Thelen’s house where dinner, fellowship and gifts were shared.

Red Springs - one member attended the Holiday Bus trip on Nov. 9th. Thanksgiving baskets were given to shut-ins in the community. In December, they will be making and delivering Christmas cookies to shut-ins as well. The club decided to make a donation to the Zion Lutheran Church for the use of the building to hold their meetings. The club won’t meet again until March.

CENTER II

Bizi-Belles are donating items to SAFPARC. Made items needed for Nursing Home at their November meeting. Plans were made for hosting Fall Council Meeting. They will be making donations to Maple Lane for gifts and the police department for Toys for Tots. In December, they will celebrate Christmas with a gathering at The Studio Lounge.

Flour Queens will be donating $50.00 worth of candy to SAFPARC to be handed out for Christmas. A donation of $50.00 will also be made to Safe Haven. They discussed the November lesson of “Going Green” and viewed shopping bags created from Pet food sacks and a purse made from plastic grocery bags. Their celebration of Christmas will be held at Farm Inn on Main in December.

Learn-A-Lot received a thank you from Maple Lane for helping this fall. They will soon be making cards for Maple Lane. On Dec. 17th, they will be wrapping gifts at Maple Lane to help out. A Christmas Potluck will be held at Louise’s and a donation in the amount of dinner out will be made to their treasury.

CENTER III

Navarino Merri Maids are donating $100.00 to SAFPARC and $50.00 to Domestic Abuse Support Center. Christmas Party is planned for Dec. 13th at Farm Inn on Main. Each member will bring a food donation for SAFPARC instead of exchanging gifts.

WISC worked on Spring Event assignments. In October, one member visited Bear Cubs and read for Bookworms™. Donated $25.00 to Maple Lane for needed Holiday gifts. Planned Christmas party for Dec. 13th and husbands will be their guests. Gifts to Pen Pals will be exchanged.

2013 Program Books & January Project Lesson

Program books and the January Lesson on Skin Cancer are now ready for pick up at the UWEX office. If you are unable to come in to pick them up, please call the UWEX office at 715-526-6136 to have us send them to you.

February Leader Training: Cutting Back and Keeping Up

Making ends meet has become a challenge for even more individuals and families recently. Topics like talking with family members, managing stress, building a budget, cutting expenses and increasing income will be covered.

Feb. 6 – Shawano Courthouse, 7:00 p.m. Room A
Feb. 7 – Bonduel, Zion Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITY

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Registration is due by January 31st

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you much for your kindness during my retirement. Thank you for the engraved jewelry box, it will give me lasting memories. Did you see I wore the hat that I received at Spring Event at the Fair? It was perfect! I really appreciate the membership in HCE. I truly enjoyed working with the group for the past 24 years. I look forward to being a member.

Special thanks for the notes collected at Spring Event, what a great idea that was. I enjoyed all the comments written by everyone. I cherish the friendships made with HCE members over the past 24 years and look forward to continued friendship.

God Bless You All - Linda

Keys to a Success Meeting

1. Homemaker’s Creed
2. Roll Call
3. Secretary’s Report
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Committee Reports
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Program/Project
District News -
Submitted by: Sandy Wendorff
Northeast District WAHCE Fall meeting was held on October 18, 2012 at Merrill - Lincoln, Oconto, Marinette and Shawano counties had their last meeting together as one.

As of January 1, 2013, Shawano and Lincoln counties will be in Central District and Marinette and Oconto will be Eastern District.

Helen Raddant, Carol Sybeldon, Interim Kristen Konczak and myself attended. We started out by getting to know Lincoln’s Interim Amanda Kosterman. She worked with us on the program “Strong Women.” We all got to do some exercise with her. She teaches the program in Merrill. We then had a round table discussion on State Conference 2013, POOL, Wisconsin Bookworms™, and International programs.

We discussed the 2013 State Conference that we’ll be hosting.

WAHCE County Associations by Districts for 2013
At the state WAHCE meeting, six districts rather than seven were approved by the voting delegates. The “new” Central District is made up of 9 counties and includes Green Lake, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago Counties. Our first meeting with old and new friends will occur on April 9th in Green Lake County. The new Central District Director will be Lorene Hass, Langlade County. Here is the correct map for the 6 Districts for HCE starting in January 2013. Please disregard the 4 district map on the back of your yearbooks, UW-EX has restructured to 4 districts in 2013 so the wrong map was used. Apologies for the confusion, please follow the map listed below:

Shawano County HCE Executive Board Meeting Nov. 12, 2012
Shawano County Courthouse, 5 p.m.

The meeting was opened with Creed 1 at 5 p.m.
Those present were: Helen Raddant, Sandy Wendorff, Carol Sybeldon, Carna Zimmerman, and Sandra Smith.

The agenda was adopted.
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and the treasurer’s report was given and placed on file.

Correspondence - Pres. Helen Raddant read a letter from Ruth Dehne, HCE International, telling how funds were appropriated.

Sandra Smith reported from Center II.
Sandy Wendorff brought a thought from FLE, Kristen Konczak, to have some sort of gathering in December. No action taken for this year.

Bookworms: 2013 is the 10th year that our HCE has been involved with books. Some type of recognition was discussed.

We discussed possible 2013 lessons and a tentative schedule was set up. The books will soon be printed and ready after the new year.

Some lesson topics: Cutting back/keeping up, skin cancer, fire safety, international, glue-free (products and recipes), snow bank planting, Strong Women (10 week series), Christmas delight.

The Jan/Feb newsletter articles are due by December 14.

Next HCE board meeting - January 14, 5:30 pm.
NOTE: chance of time to 5:30pm.

We closed with Creed 2.
Submitted by Carna Zimmerman, Secretary, typed by Sandy Smith.

College Days celebrating it’s 50th Anniversary in June 2013
College Days is celebrating its 50th Anniversary June 2013. We have been notified that this will be the LAST College Days due to increased facility costs and reductions in the UWEX Family Living Program budget.
**POTPOURRI**
*A sharing page of your ideas, recipes, jokes, stories, etc.*

**IF I HAD LAST YEAR TO LIVE OVER**
If I had last year to live over, I would pay more attention to people. I would try to express the warmth and affection that I feel for them. I would send a note of good wishes when good things happened in their lives. I wouldn’t be satisfied to send a routine greeting on holidays. I would write a personal note. I would set up a file on a few of my closest friends to remind me to write a word of encouragement to them on their birthday. I would be more careful to answer every personal letter promptly and to keep the channels of communication open. Since last year can’t be recalled, I resolve to do these things in the New Year ahead.

Author unknown

**ARE YOU AN ENCOURAGER?**
An encourager…
…helps others see their best qualities and hidden talents.
…helps others see the blessings in their lives.
…gives a smile, a hug, or an gentle pat on the back.
…remembers to say thank you, when someone did something nice for you, or for someone else.
…clips out jokes or funny sayings and includes them in a birthday or other type card.
…brings over a cake or pot of soup when a neighbor is ill.
…takes someone to a doctor’s appointment.
…is willing to listen, really listen, when someone needs to talk.
…helps others feel important and needed.
…brings out the best in others.
…be understanding and patient.
…treat others as you wish to be treated.

**FAMOUS DOG QUOTES**
*whoever said you can’t buy happiness forgot about puppies.* Gene Hill.
*In dog years, I’m dead.* Unknown.
*dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing, right in your ear.* Dave Barry.
*outside of a dog, a book is probably man’s best friend; inside of a dog it is too dark to read.* Groucho Marx.
*a dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down.* Robert Benchley.
*did you ever walk in a room and forget why you walked in? I think that’s how dogs spend their lives.* Sue Murphy.
*I loathe people who keep dogs, they are cowards who haven’t got the guts to bite people themselves.* August Strindberg.
*some days you’re the dog; some days you’re the hydrant.* Unknown.
*I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult.* Rita Rudner.
*in order to keep a true perspective of one’s importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him, and a cat that will ignore him.* Dereke Bruce.
*cats motto: no matter what you’ve done wrong, always try to make it look like the dog did it.*

**GINGER SNAPS**
1 c. sugar
¾ c. shortening
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 egg
½ tsp. salt
¼ c. molasses
½ tsp. cloves
2 tsp. baking soda
2-¼ c. flour
Mix together, form into balls and roll in sugar. Bake at 350° until done.

Submit items for Potpourri to: Leah Lehman, N3288 Tower Rd., Tigerton, WI 54486, 715-535-2172 or leahlhmn@frontiernet.net.

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**On the Move & In Groove**

**Spring 2013**
Join the WAHCE challenge to get active. Use the chart in the next Satellite to record your activity. You choose what to do. The dates and insert will be in the March Satellite. The top 5 individuals will receive $10 from Shawano County HCE. Challenge your club members to get active!

Spend a few minutes at your next club meeting to brainstorm ways to get 20 minutes of exercise/activity.

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**Scholarships**

**Shawano County HCE Scholarship**
For UW and Tech College students who have completed one or more semester. A $350.00 scholarship is available, with preference given to a student who is related to a member of Shawano County HCE. Deadline is March 15 and awarded at the Spring Event. Applications are available at the UWEX office.

**The Ruth B. Sayre Memorial Scholarship**
is offered for the purpose of fostering educational development of women. The scholarship is $500 and the deadline is March 15. The applicant must be a woman and legal resident of the USA with financial need and ability to complete her education. Contact the UWEX office for a copy of the application.

There are also several scholarships available from WAHCE for our members returning to school or for leadership training. The forms are on the WAHCE website: www.wahceinc.org or call the UW-Extension office for more information.