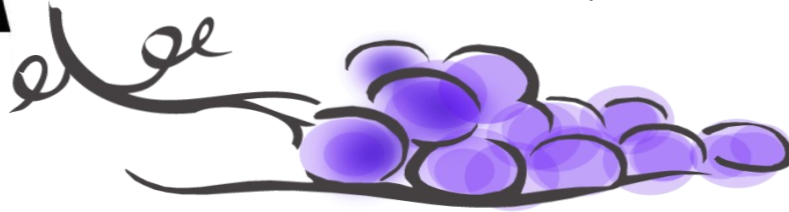




The Grapevine



November 2023

President's Message

We all have many things to be thankful as the thanksgiving season is coming. Count your blessings and have a great thanksgiving.

Our Cultural arts projects to the state meeting did very well. We had 10 blues, 2 reds and a medallion winner. Congratulations to Deb Ortnier.

The \$500.00 college scholarship winners were Robert Wendler, Connor Tauchen, Josiah Horvath, and Samantha Cappadora. More information elsewhere.

Thank you to Peggy Buchda for stepping up to take the position of Bookworm Coordinator. Thank you to Diana Schuette for her 10 years of work with the books. Also thank you Joanne Trunkel for coming back on the board as VP. We are still in need of 2 on cultural arts, and 2 on international.

Thinking ahead for HCE day next year, anyone have ideas for speaker or entertainment.

Please let someone on the board know if you can come up with something. There won't be a December newsletter so here's hoping you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

See you in January.

President Lois Becker

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Growing Stronger, Reaching Wider, Caring To Make A Difference

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.*

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Lois Becker with the Flag Pledge and the Homemakers Creed. Members present were: Lois Becker-President, Mary Kipp-Marketing/Membership, Betty Loos-Historian, Roberta Hansen-Secretary, Diana Schuette-Bookworm, Peggy Buchda; present by telephone: Debra Gries-Treasurer.

The Secretary minutes from August 29, 2023 meeting were read and placed on file. The Treasurer's report was read and placed on file.

After discussion, motion by Betty Loos to pay speaker fee of \$75.00 to Deb Gries for her Africa presentation at the West District meeting. Motion seconded by Diana Schuette. Motion Carried.

Director Reports:

Vice President for Family and Community Outreach – None.

Dairy Bar: None.

Bookworm: Diana Schuette gave notice of her intent to retire as Wisconsin Bookworm Coordinator. Discussed book distribution around the County and how the program works. After discussion, Peggy Buchda agreed to fill the Coordinator position.

HCE Day Coordinator: Looking for ideas for speaker and entertainment as it is time to start planning for this event.

Committee Reports:

Historian: None.

Marketing: None

Cultural Arts: Still need 2 members for this committee.

International/Citizenship: Diana Schuette has agreed to be on this committee. Still need additional members for this committee.

Scholarship: Was article with scholarship winners put in papers?

Continued Business/New Business:

Discussed possible Board Christmas party. Lois will check on dates/location and let us know.

January meeting will be either January 2nd or 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Hansen, Secretary



2023 State Conference Notes



The 2023 State Conference is over and once again our Clark County cultural arts entries did very well. There were 362 entries in the state contest. Of the 12 entries from Clark County, we received 9 blues, 3 reds, and 1 medallion award.

Blue ribbon winners were: Deb Ortnier with her crocheted doily, Americana stars quilt, Red/White heart table runner, and crocheted afghan, which also received a medallion.

- Roberta Hansen, with her Halloween felt picture.
- Cindy Craig, with her NY skyline photo.
- Mary Nauretz, with her embroidered “Bee” picture.
- Joanne Trunkel, with her quilted tree wall hanging , and coiled fabric basket.

Red ribbon winners were: Diana Schuette, with her Grandma’s fan quilt.

- Mary Nauretz, with her blue/white denim bag and her Brewers pouch.

Congratulations to all the winners. Now is the time for everyone to start work on projects for next year!

GREAT JOB!

2023 HCE Scholarships Awarded

Four \$500 scholarships were awarded to college or technical school students, originally from Clark County or currently living in Clark County.

The recipients were:

- ♦ Sam Cappadora of Granton
- ♦ Josiah Horvath of Greenwood
- ♦ Conner Tauchen of Dorchester
- ♦ Robert Wendler of Withee



Students applying for the scholarship must be in the process of completing, or have completed, at least one year of higher education beyond high school, must have 24 credits and a GPA of 3.0 or higher to qualify. The funds for these scholarships are made available through the Home and Community Education (HCE) Dairy Bar sales at the Clark County Fair.

Applications for 2024 are available in February from:

Extension Clark County Office
517 Court St., Room 104
Neillsville, WI 54456-1982
Phone: 715-743-5121.

Applications are also available online at:

<https://clark.extention.wisc.edu/hce-scholarship>

Deadline for applications will be June 24, 2024. Winners will be asked to volunteer for a shift or two in the HCE Dairy Bar at the Clark County Fair 2024.

Join us and begin planning **AHEAD** for the end of this life

What is Planning AHEAD?

Planning AHEAD is a virtual 7-session course (one hour each) that guides participants through the topics on the right.

This course features a free workbook to help people with the tasks and decisions associated with end-of-life.

Who is the program for?

This program is for people who:

- Are interested in planning for the end of life to make things easier for family members
- Have lost a loved one
- Are in the process of losing a loved one and are dealing with the transition

When is the program?

Dates: Mondays from 1pm- 2pm:

January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26.

Location: Virtually via Zoom, computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone required. (Link will be sent prior to class)

Contact us for more information

Register online at:

<https://bit.ly/PLANNINGAHEADJAN2024>
or by calling the Extension Office at 715-421-8440.

planning **AHEAD** PROGRAM TOPICS



Getting Started



Handling Financial Changes



Advance Medical and Legal Directives



Estate Planning



Choices in End-of-Life Care



Final Wishes



Understanding Grief



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