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Mission Statement for Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education HCE offers opportunities for:

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



DISPATCH ARTICLES DUE DATE

Dispatch articles are **due the 15th** of the month. When emailing your articles, please send them as an attachment.

Please mail or email them to:

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Memo from the Board~

DCHCE members, we did it again! Our successful craft sale has come and gone. A HUGE thank you to all. October was also our Annual Meeting. We reviewed the past year and voted on some very important issues. The revised Bylaws and Guidelines vote passed and the new copies will be handed out to Board members and club presidents at the November Board meeting. Officers were elected for the 2019-2020 term: VP of Programing and Community Outreach, Marion Bradley; Secretary, Jo Mersnick; Treasurer, Linda Williams.

Have you had the opportunity to visit the newly remodeled and reconfigured Superior Public Library? Wow! What a change to the new space, so very bright, open and fresh. If not do so by attending our next Board Meeting on November 1st (potluck and white elephant sale) and the International Event featuring Iceland on November 8th. Come, enjoy, participate in HCE activities and see the new library all in one fell swoop!

Falling leaves, geese soaring in "V" formation, orange pumpkins, clouds wearing their winter coats. Autumn.

Linda Williams





22 WAYS TO A GREENER HOME

- 1-Don't heat an empty house: turn your winter thermostat to 68° in the day and 55° at night or when no one's home.
- 2-Buy the dog a canvas leash instead of nylon—natural fibers are better than oil-based.
- 3-Turn your computer and monitor OFF when you're done—sleeping takes energy.
- 4-Clean your refrigerator coils for a more efficient-running appliance.
- 5-Cancel the newspaper and read it online instead.
- 6-Buy rechargeable batteries. And dispose of old batteries properly.
- 7-Use cloth napkins instead of paper ones.
- 8-Repair leaky faucets, install water-saving toilets and showerheads and only run dish- or clothes-washers when full.
- 9-Stop using toxin-loaded dryer sheets; invest in wool dryer balls—they work great!
- 10-Recycle!
- 11-Read magazines then pass them on.
- 12-E-file your taxes to cut back on paper usage.
- 13-Pay bills online for the same reason.
- 14-Buy a new houseplant; they are good for your home atmosphere.
- 15-Donate old newspapers to an animal shelter.
- 16-Switch to chemical-free cleaning products.
- 17- Buy bigger containers of things, or shop at whole food co-ops and bring your own.
- 18-Use compact florescent light bulbs—they last 10x longer than incandescent—or LED (light-emitting diodes) which last even longer. Dispose of your used bulbs at a recycler.
- 19-Keep your freezer full. It runs more efficiently that way.
- 20-Keep inexpensive reusable left-over containers on hand to share with guests.
- 21-Shop for eco-friendly beauty products, home decor and fashion lines.
- 22-Switch to Energy Star appliances when you upgrade.

THAT DARN CAT—Sue Hendrickson



*Yesterday I took a stroll
Down the vale and up the knoll
To make my brokenness a whole...
And the cat was following me.*

*Across the field and through the clover,
Past the pond where duck and plover
Mend the world and make it over...
And the cat was following me.*

*To the glade upon the hill
Where the world is dark and still;
There my soul could drink its fill...
And the cat was following me.*

*Never paid me much attention,
With disdain too low to mention,
On my walk to sooth the tension...
That cat that followed me.*

*It's not so hard to be alone
Though life's cruel knife cuts to the bone
And one's bruised heart feels like a stone...
When the cat is following me.*



Got hunters among your family and friends? Please remind them that deer can be taken to Hursh Meat Processing, 10083 E Oak Rd, Poplar, so it can be processed for **area food shelves**. Call 715-364-6855 for hours of operation.



Sue Hendrickson

CULTURAL ARTS

Once again the Douglas County participants in the State Conference Cultural Arts contest did themselves proud. First place awards were won by Pat Wermter for her pieced, tied quilt and her Uncle Sam doll; Donna Tollefson for her scrapbook and her card display; Marge Keho for her handmade sewing accessories and her table runner; Donna Bergsten for her photo of a fire, alcohol ink painting on glass and her acrylic painting. Receiving second place were Sue Hendrickson for her poem, "That Darn Cat", and Marion Bradley for her crocheted doll. Now you can start working on next year's entries! Many thanks to Cheryl McCuskey for taking the items to State. They were all on display at our Craft Sale.

CRAFT SALE SPECIAL PROJECT

Our Special Project was a great success! At least 87 items plus \$20.00 in cash were collected for the Rural Care and Share Food Shelf, and 40 items plus \$30 in cash were collected for the Douglas County Humane Society. Thanks to everyone for their generosity. Hope Swenson and her granddaughter and the Merry Mates kept a count of the items donated. I'm sure they will be greatly appreciated. People are so good!!



Thank to everyone who put in their hours to make the Craft Sale a success. Special thanks to Linda Williams and her daughters Krista and Andrea for all the work they put in for the Craft Sale. The two were there before sunrise and stayed to the very end.

Mary Ann Gronquist
Cultural Arts Co-chair



Thank you to all who attended the ANNUAL MEETING of the Douglas County HCE. The proposed budget was passed, the By-law and guideline changes were approved and passed. Your officers for 2019 are:

President – Cheryl McCuskey

Vice President – Marion Bradley

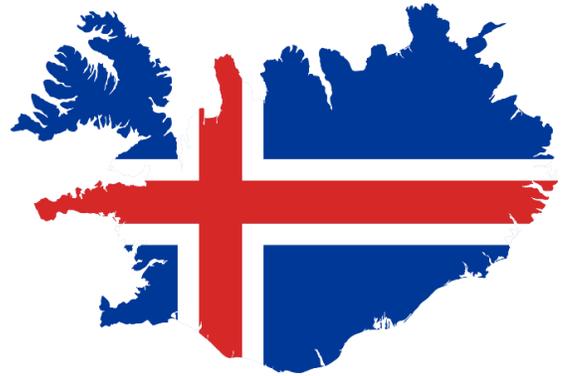
Secretary – Jo Mersnick

Treasurer – Linda Williams

Thank you to all who volunteered to service as an officer and to those who agreed to serve as committee members.

You are so very appreciated!

Jo Mersnick VP



Please plan to attend the Douglas County HCE
INTERNATIONAL EVENT
culminating our two year study of
ICELAND

November 8th, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.

Superior Public Library

The Simon's will be presenting

A PHOTO JOURNEY THROUGH ICELAND

Icelandic taste treats will be served.

Please send in your \$5.00 registrations by Nov. 1st, to Jo Mersnick, 5219 S Stone Rd., South Range, WI 54874. See the October Dispatch for details. Please plan to come and bring a guest.

Jo Mersnick VP



Program Planning/Board Meeting and White Elephant Fundraiser

Because of the White Elephant Fundraiser starting At 1:30 p.m., **Nov. 1st the Program Planning Meeting will Start at 12:30** – Nov. 1st at the Library. It will only take a few minutes and expected to be finished around 12:45.

The **Executive Board Meeting will begin around 12:45 and conclude at 1:30.** Our White Elephant fundraiser and potluck lunch will begin at 1:30 until concluded.

Thanks, Jo VP



kids in crisis all over the Twin Ports; in addition, HCE volunteers donate many hours and handmade items to community service projects. Douglas County members are associated with the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education, Inc. (WAHCE) "HCE has a long and rich history," says Sue Hendrickson, longtime member from South Range. "Its work goes back to the extension home demonstration agents who worked in 17 counties to teach women how to use wheat, sugar and meat

A Taste of Iceland

In celebration of HCE week, November 4-10, Douglas County Home and Community Education (HCE) members are presenting "A Taste of Iceland" Thursday, November 8, at 1 pm at the Superior Public Library, Tower Ave., Superior WI. The program will include a slide presentation by Marian and Tom Simon who visited Iceland, and some of Icelanders' favorite snacks. The program is the culmination of two years of study on Iceland by the members. The public is invited to this program. **Please mail name and \$5 to: Mary Jo Mersnick, 5219 S Stone Rd, South Range WI 54874 by November 1** if you wish to attend.

International studies is just one of the many interests of HCE members. Members also participate in the Wisconsin Bookworms program, encouraging literacy by reading to and providing local HEADSTART children with books they might not otherwise be exposed to; an annual Quiltathon, a daylong event at Superior's Mariner Mall and Business Center, which provides over 100 hand-made quilts to

substitutes during World War II." In 1940, the first official meeting of County Home Demonstration Councils from 22 Wisconsin counties was held. In 2018, WAHCE celebrates its 78th anniversary. Throughout major changes in technology, lifestyles and the roles of women in society, HCE has brought high-quality educational offerings to its members and communities with the support of UW-Extension Family Living Programs. Today, county HCE organizations work on projects that enhance life for communities and the families who live there and throughout Wisconsin and worldwide. The mission of WAHCE offers learning and leadership communities and the world. Call the Douglas County Extension Office (715-395-1426) for more information.

****Members: you received a registration form in last month's Dispatch.***

Thanks!
Submitted by, Sue Hendrickson

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We're on the web! Be sure to visit the Douglas County Family Living website at: <http://douglas.uwex.edu/ftp/> and click on Douglas County Home and Community Education (HCE), then click on the Dispatch Newsletter link.

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Nov. 1	12:30	Program Planning Meeting - Final	Library	VP
Nov. 8	12:45	White Elephant Sale (Pot Luck) Fundraiser	Library	All Clubs
Nov. 8	1:00	Board Meeting	Library	President
Nov. 8	1:00	International (Iceland) Event	Library	Exec. Board
Nov. 5-9		Marian Simon will present a slide program.	Library	Membership/mktg.
Nov. 5-9		HCE WEEK		
Dec. 11	TBD	Holiday Gathering		Dreamland Supper Club