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A Message from Jeanne Walsh

Happy September!

I have been with all of you now for a full year. Thank you for your kindness, patience, and willingness to accept me into your lives through HCE. There always seems to be so much happening, that I sometimes forget to take the time to be thankful for the positive people and blessings in my life.

This month brings the WAHCE Conference. I know many of you aren't going, but I am looking forward to attending and representing Chippewa County! I will be presenting one of the educational program workshops on Small Savings Build Big Dreams, and I plan on attending other workshops including: Getting Youth Outside, Be Food Wise to Reduce Waste, and Recycle and Upcycling. I look forward to returning home to share my experiences with you!

This month also brings your program planning meeting. I hope that many of you join this opportunity to provide leadership and ideas, and help your HCE club move forward into 2018 with excitement and focus.

I am also gearing up for the Special Interest Workshop that I am providing for all of you on September 26 at 1:00 p.m. The workshop is titled: *Finding Relevant Information and Ideas on Pinterest*. Pinterest is a social network that allows users to visually share ideas and information. I will be explaining how to join, do's and don'ts of utilizing this social network, and what kind of relevant information you can find. If you have used Pinterest please bring along a list of your favorite sites, and be ready to share your expertise!

Have a wonderful September and remember to take the time to be thankful for the positive people and blessings in your lives.

Jeanne Walsh
Chippewa County UW-Extension Family Living Educator



Calendar of Events 2017

September

- 4 Labor Day**
- 5 Program Planning Meeting for 2018 and Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Courthouse, Room 13**
- 14 HCE Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Chippewa Family Restaurant**
- 26 Special Interest, 1:00 p.m., Courthouse, Room 16**



October

- 3 Executive Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Courthouse Room 13**
- 12 HCE Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Chippewa Family Restaurant**
- 26 Craft & Hobby Workshop, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Courthouse, Room 3**

Reminder: As per HCE Association membership rules, individual members may be called upon to assist coordinating special county events. With the recent disbanding of two clubs this year and our aging population, it is necessary for us to request the assistance of our individual members this year for coordinating the Salad luncheon and Fall Banquet.

Meeting Notice: The 2018 HCE Program Planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Extension Office at the courthouse. At this time we will be planning our 2018 Special Interest topics. Each club is expected to have a representative or two at this meeting. Please bring your ideas!

CHIPPEWA COUNTY HCE INFORMATION

2016-7 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President: *Fran Sykora (715-288-6859)*
 President-Elect: *OPEN*
 Vice President: *OPEN*
 Secretary: *Alberta Koneazny (715-726-9537)*
 Treasurer: *Dorothy Kaiser (715-289-3279)*

Educational Program Chairmen

Family & Community Outreach: *OPEN*
 Scholarship: *Helene Anderson (715-874-5207)*
 Historian: *Diane Hayes (715-874-6145)*
 Cultural Arts: *Dolores Schryver (715-874-5920)*
 Membership: *Winnie Joos (715-835-8991)*
 WI Bookworms™: *Jean Cronquest (715-289-3497)*
 International: *OPEN*

2017 CLUB PRESIDENTS

Albertville	Donna Benson	715-874-5245
Cadott		
Happy	Helen Bowe	715-288-6595
Longview	Julie Brindle	715-874-6716
OK	Jean Cronquest	715-289-3497
Pleasant Hour	Beth Cripe	715-861-3976
Trout Creek		
Unlimited	Sharon Rowan	715-723-0487

UW-Extension Office, 715-726-7950

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Newsletter Deadline

Information for the HCE Newsletter is due by the 15th of the month, for the next month's newsletter.

Please forward your club paperwork to the Extension Office for updates on any Club Information.

Executive Board Minutes

**Chippewa County Association
Home and Community Education
Executive Board Meeting
May 2, 2017
Courthouse, Room 13**

The meeting was called to order by President Fran Sykora with the Pledge to the Flag, followed by the Creed.

Roll call was taken with the following present: Fran Sykora, Alberta Koneazny, Dorothy Kaiser and Jean Cronquest

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Salad luncheon and Spring Conference were discussed.

Fran and Alberta went to the Northwest Conference in Stone Lake on April 27th. At the conference we learned that we can order free identity theft books through the government. Fran will be ordering one for each member.

Jeanne Walsh was in Washington D.C. for a Public Issues Leadership Development Conference. She met with staffers from Senator Johnson's office and Representative Kind's office. Jeanne also mention the upcoming "Canning Update" for special interest on May 18th at 1:00.

New Business

Jean has a Historic book on Homemakers and is going to ask the Chippewa Historic Society if they are interested in it.

Treasurer's report was sent to the state.

Bookworm reading ends in Chippewa on Wednesday, May 3rd. There will be a certificate for 10 year readers. The books for next year have been picked out.

Fran delivered the personal items to the Chippewa Valley Alternative School. They were very appreciative.

For the Craft and Hobby Workshop in October we are going to make fleece blankets for Hospice.

Meeting closed with Prayer Creed.

*Submitted by:
Alberta Koneazny, Secretary*

**Chippewa County Association
Home and Community Education
Executive Board Meeting
August 1, 2017
Courthouse, Room 13**

The meeting was called to order by President Fran Sykora with the Pledge to the Flag, followed by the Creed.

Roll call was taken with the following present: Fran Sykora, Alberta Koneazny, Dorothy Kaiser, Jean Cronquest, Dolores Schryver, Winnie Joas, and Jeanne Walsh.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Bill for the bookworm books were paid.

Jeanne Walsh talked about the state convention and what session she is going to present there.

She is going to take the cultural arts winners to state and is going to bring back the book plates for the bookworm books. Jeanne is also involved in a program called "Taking Care of You" a preventative mental care program.

Jean Cronquest talked about the bookworm program. Bookworms wasn't at the fair this year. Jean talked to the Cadott librarian about reading to the kids there using extra bookworm books. Another idea was placing the books at Agnes' Table.

Dolores has reserved Room 3 at the courthouse for October 26 at 1:00 p.m. for the Craft and Hobby Workshop. At the workshop, we will be tying quilts for hospice. There is a great need for them.

Fran reported that On the Move and the Impact forms were send to the state.

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Jeanne talked about the Canning Update workshop that was held in May.

Winnie has no news for membership and she is planning on going to the state convention.

The date for the Fall Banquet has to be set.

On Sept. 5 at 10:00 at the courthouse we will be having the Program Planning for next year followed with the executive board meeting.

Sept. 28 at 1:00 at the courthouse, Jeanne will be presenting the Pinterest Program.

Breakfast at the Chippewa Family Restaurant will be on Sept 14 at 9:30.

First Baby born during HCE week in November was discuss. We voted to continue to give a basket.

Meeting close with Prayer Creed.

Wisconsin Bookworms™

Greetings from Jean and Wiggly,

We hope that everyone had a pleasant summer and you are enjoying the sunshine and the fabulous growing season.

Our books for next year's reading have been selected, and I am happy to report that five of the eight books chosen were also on my list of favorites. We are looking forward to another successful season of reading. Our books have been ordered and have arrived. We will soon set up a schedule for preparing the books and delivering them to the Head Start centers. When further information is available, you will be informed.



Sincerely,

Wiggly and Jean Cronquest, Wisconsin Bookworms Chair

Community Service Project

For the 2018 Community Service Project, your Executive Board voted to make single layer fleece blankets for Palliative Care, a new program through foster care, which helps adults and children in Chippewa County.

Muriel Shervey, from the Unlimited HCE Club, is help us with the details.

We will meet on October 26th at 1:00 p.m. in Room 3 of the Courthouse for our Craft & Hobby Workshop to work on this project. Bring a scissors and crochet hook if you have one. We will cut and tie these blankets that day. It is very easy to do. Coffee and snacks will be provided. This is a county-wide project so maybe you could plan your meeting for that day and join us as a group. The more the merrier!



Membership Years

We are asking our members to let us know if they have belonged to HCE for 25, 50, 60, 65 and 70 years. If you have reached on of these thresholds, please contact Heather at the Extension Office at 715-726-7952 and leave your name, club and number of years. Congratulations to you and thank you for your cooperation!

Special Interest Session

Special Interest
September 26, 2017
1:00 p.m.
Courthouse, Room 16



Finding Relevant Information and Ideas on Pinterest

Ever hear someone say they found their project idea on Pinterest and have no idea what they are talking about? Or have you heard of Pinterest and maybe use it yourself, but want to learn a little more about it? Then this is the session for you!

Jeanne Walsh, Chippewa County Family Living Educator, will be explaining how to join, do's and don'ts of utilizing this social network, and what kind of relevant information you can find.

See you there!

Arts & Crafts Corner

Fall Candle Centerpiece

Supplies can be purchased from the local dollar store.

- 4-5 varying pillar candles
- Bag of fake fall leaves
- Burlap ribbon (colored or natural)
- Charger or plate
- Twine, Yarn or String
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun or pins



1. Cut burlap ribbon to fit around each candle. You can use a hot glue gun to attach the burlap together or use a small pin to hold in place.
2. Add leaf or leaves and tie in place with twine, yard or string of choice.
3. Arrange candles on your charger or plate.
4. If you choose to burn the candles, please be mindful the added decorations are flammable and should be removed before burning.

Project courtesy of That's What She Said...: <https://www.thatswhatsheaid.net/fall-candle-centerpiece/> via Pinterest.

As you think about children attending post-secondary education, think about how HCE might be able to further encourage children of all ages to achieve. Have a great summer!

Small savings add up to big dreams when it comes to college

A doctor or singer or maybe an astronaut? Young children have plenty of dreams when it comes to what they want to be when they grow up. Parents know those career dreams keep changing as their children get older and learn more about the world around them. Parents can also play a big role in those childhood dreams through both conversations and setting aside a little bit of savings.

New research on college savings accounts for young children suggests that children are four times more likely to enroll in college and about five times more likely to graduate from college than a child with no savings account. These enrollment and graduation rates were found even in families with less than \$500 saved for their child's future education.

"It's not just about the money," says Peggy Olive, financial capability specialist with the University of Wisconsin-Extension and UW-Madison's Center for Financial Security. "When children see their parents setting aside money for their college education, it sends a powerful message to kids about the importance of investing in their future."

In a recent survey by Sallie Mae, one-third of families earning \$35,000 a year or less reported saving around 6% of their income for their child's education. Parents know that children have a lot of present needs and wants. It can be hard to say 'no' to those wants in order to set money aside for your child's future. The exciting news is that even a small amount of savings in a designated college account makes a big difference in a child's life.

"Having a little bit of money set aside for college expenses helps create what we call a 'college-bound identity'," adds Olive. "Children grow up knowing they are expected to study some type of trade or career after high school."

Children with a 'college-bound identity' are found to do better in high school, are more engaged in school, and even get higher grades. Having a designated college savings account is also linked to more interaction between parents and children about finances and the future. Parents also benefit and report higher levels of self-esteem and self-confidence when they are able to set money aside.

Parents have so many competing demands on their money, from covering monthly expenses to saving for their own retirement, that it can be hard to find money in the budget. The good news is that even smaller amounts of money set aside for their child's college are shown to make a positive difference. The even better news is that children can also contribute to their own college fund by setting aside a portion of gifts or any work earnings. A small amount of savings adds up to big dreams down the road.

One way that parents can begin to save for their child's college is to invest in a state 529 plan. To raise awareness about the ease and importance of using 529 plans to save for college, May 29 (or 5/29) is designated National 529 College Savings Day. Currently, only 37 percent of Americans correctly identified 529 plans as a college savings tool.

In Wisconsin, an Edvest 529 plan can be opened with a \$25 contribution. Earnings in a 529 account grow both federal and state tax-free when used for qualified higher education expenses. You can find out more about Wisconsin's college savings plans on their website 529.wi.gov or by calling toll-free 888-338-3789.

Jeanne Walsh, UW-Extension Chippewa County Family Living Educator

**Chippewa County
2017 HCE Fall Luncheon**

**“Drink in the
Fall Beauty”**

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Christ Lutheran Church

457 Colome Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Registration at 11:30 a.m., Lunch at 12 noon



- **Lunch Includes:** chicken noodle hot dish, lettuce salad, veggie dip, dinner roll, dessert and beverage
- **Name Tags:** Each club is asked to make their own
- **Entertainment:** Anita LeCclair, Buffalo County HCE - Women's Interests
- **Registration Deadline (by Club):** October 13, 2017
- **Cost:** \$9.50 per person. Transferrable, but not refundable
- **Make checks payable to:** Chippewa County HCE
- **Questions:** Please contact MaryAnn Ludwigson at 715-723-1583 or Arlene Hakes at 715-723-3140
- **Handicap Accessible**
- **Directions:** Christ Lutheran Church is located east from RCU, turn from Woodward Avenue to Colome Street.
*SPECIAL NOTE: Bring your empty and clean medicine bottles for a donation drive.

**2017 HCE Fall Luncheon
Saturday, October 21, 2017
Christ Lutheran Church, 457 Colome Street, Chippewa Falls**

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Club _____

Number attending _____ Amount enclosed (\$9.50/per person) _____

Transferrable, but not refundable.

Return to: Chippewa County Extension Office - HCE
711 N. Bridge Street, Room 13
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Registration Deadline:
October 13, 2017