



## A Letter From The President



Hello KCHCE members, My crocuses are up and blossoming, Yea! My husband Tom's Amaryllis just finished blooming. I'm not sure what season this one is in, but it sure was pretty. I will admit our 2 Christmas Poinsettias are absolutely lovely. My problem is the word "Christmas", that holiday is over. We are done with snow, the poinsettia may go!

Our Salad Supper was a success. Thank you to all who brought

delicious salads, made raffle baskets and those who bought raffle tickets. This money will go towards the KHCE Scholarship Fund. Educating the youth of our county is an investment in all of our futures.

"Kick Up Your Heels", with the Franklin Farmerettes will be a wonderful banquet. We will arrive with bells on our toes! I am writing this in April so I cannot tell you who the Homemaker of the year is nor can I divulge the scholarship winner.  
*Linda Vogel*

## A Note of Appreciation to All KCHCE Members:

When we encounter difficult and serious health issues in our lives, we begin to realize how very much our HCE friends care about us. You can't imagine how much your prayers, cards, notes of encouragement, flowers, gifts, and good wishes mean to me during my illness. Now I take God's hand and choose to win over

the cancer and not let it win over me. You are making me strong again and have given me the courage to battle both the cancer and the polymyalgia. HCE friends and Clubs, along with my precious family, deserve all the thanks I can give them for their beautiful support of my life. Thank you so much!  
*Jeanie Hlinak*

## HCE Annual Trip

We are going to St. Croix, MN June 16-18. We will be stopping for shopping and lunch at Stillwater and staying at the Dallas Hotel with swimming pool, sauna and free continental breakfast.

On Wed. & Thurs. we will be taking the Taylor Falls Scenic Boat Tour with lunch, touring a scenic park drive. Also we'll have some shopping time in downtown Taylor Falls, (an artistic community), take a wine tour with sampling, and dinner to follow. Another sight we'll enjoy is the St. Croix Valley Railway, with lunch. Following that we

will view a comedy.

Thursday afternoon it's time to leave for home. We will be returning to the Kewaunee area about 10 pm, with a short stop for supper on your own. The trip includes transportation, 2 nights stay, 2 lunches, dinners and admission to attractions. Juice, rolls, water and snacks will be provided.

Call Mary Vogel at 863-6586 to reserve a spot asap. Final payment for the trip is due May 20 to Mary. Cost of the trip is \$240 each/double, \$340 each/single, \$225 each/triple and \$215 each/quadruple.

## East District Reports Fall 2008

### International Program

The program I attended at the East District Conference in Outagamie County was titled, "The Friendship Force of Wisconsin", a travel club of people forming global friendships.

Their vision statement, "A World of Friends is a World of Peace", speaks of the format in that this is an exchange program where people from one country visit and stay with new friends they make in another country.

The headquarters of Friendship Force International is located in Atlanta, Georgia, and was founded in 1977 by the late Wayne Smith with the support of President Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter.

There are over 350 clubs located worldwide in 56 countries and

over 41 US states. Volunteer Ambassadors pay their own travel expenses so having some money is essential, but meals and housing are provided by their hosts in the country they visit. Some of the quotes from their brochures such as "Travel is just a means of transportation, Faces not places is our emphasis," tell us that they make life long friends and experience many things while making friends and promoting peace among people of the world.

Anyone can join this club and you only go to the places you choose. If anyone is interested, here is their website [www.madison.com/communities/friendshipforcewi](http://www.madison.com/communities/friendshipforcewi)

*Submitted by Jan Zenner*

### Cultural Arts

*This article was written after the Fall East District Meeting, we are not trying to rush the fall season! This is the last of the Fall East District articles submitted that we've been publishing as space permitted.*

#### Putting Our Gardens to Bed

Are we ready to put our garden to bed for the winter? After the first hard frost get your mulch together and place around your plants. There are different types of material that can be used. Here are some—leaves, grass clippings, unless they have had herbicides applied, newspaper, straw or wheat shredded, vegetable waste in a compost from what you have created from vegetable peels, stalks, foliage, coffee grounds, egg shells and a number of other sources of by products (no meat products).

**Do not use** diseased plants, manure, unless well rotted, ashes from coal or charcoal, pet urine or feces,

bones or fish products. Tomato vines may have disease, so burn these

We are in Zone 4 of the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone, so it is best to pick plants for this type of temperature. If you want to save plants that cannot stand this temperature, put in a pot, take inside the garage until it gets colder, then put in your basement for storage til spring.

We were given several sheets of information about composts and putting our garden to bed.

If interested in more information call me at 388-2739 and I will make copies for you.

*Submitted by Barb Schroeder*

## Spring Banquet Information

Kick up your heels and join the fun!



The annual HCE banquet will be held Tues., May 5, 7 pm at the Rendezvous, Luxemburg. The cost is \$10.40 per person; which includes your meal and entertainment to knock your shoes off!

Please bring the list of names and

payment for the meal to the Spring HCE Association Meeting (one check per club).

The Franklin Farmerettes are your hostesses for the evening. For more information contact Jeanette Schultz, (920) 863-2496

## Wisconsin Bookworms™ Fund Raiser

This year the Family Chairperson Jeanne Dworak will be holding a Bakeless Bake Sale to replace the past bake sale held at the grocery store. We are asking the HCE membership to donate what they figure they would have spent baking for this fund raiser. Also figure what you may have spent on buying bakery at the bake sale.

The donation for this will be collected on May 5 at the Spring Banquet. We are asking our members to be generous because whatever is collected for this fund raiser will be matched \$.50

to the dollar by the Catholic Knights. So if we collect \$400 we will get an additional \$200 from the Catholic Knights. This fund raiser is so important to the continuation of the Wisconsin BookWorms™ Program. All money collected is used in the purchase of the books we need to buy. So make sure you mark this fundraiser down for May 5 collection at the Spring Banquet.

*Submitted by: Janice Gilbertson and Barb Hartjes, Co-Chairs for the Wisconsin BookWorms™*



## Beginning to Plan for the End—Funeral Trusts



*Mark Buchanan*

Mar. 10 we attended a program explaining funeral trusts with Mark Buchanan answering most of the questions about planning a funeral.

Funeral planning is very useful in helping the family to cope with the grief that always accompanies the death of a family members.

Many people are planning for their own funeral so when it comes to their passing the family does not have this to worry about. They will know the wishes of the dying person regarding the funeral arrangements, relieving the family members of this responsibility.

In addition, a trust can be set up to help defray the expense that is involved. If money is put into a trust, it is available for that purpose rather than facing the possibility that it may be used by the state to help cover the cost of nursing home care if the deceased needs that care before passing away. A trust will also relieve the family members of funeral expenses that they might be responsible for if money had not been set aside to cover these costs.

It is recommended that planning the trust include the advice of a funeral director who would most likely be knowledgeable in setting this up.

HCE would like to thank Mark Buchanan for presenting the program and Janice Gilbertson for facilitating it.  
*Article and picture by Barb Schroeder*

## 2008 Scholarship Winner Receives Check



*Left to right: Linda Vogel, Anita Schuller, Megan Neveau, Kay Ratajczak*

Linda Vogel, President of Kewaunee County Home and Community Education, Anita Schuller, Scholarship Chair and Kay Ratajczak, Treasurer of Kewaunee County HCE were present to give Megan Neveau, daughter of member Nancy Neveau, her check of \$500. Megan is the 2008 Scholarship Award Winner and is a student at St. Norbert College majoring in music.

*Submitted by Barb Schroeder*

## Calendar of Events

Horario de los programas de HCE y reuniones



### May 2009

**5** Spring Banquet, Rendezvous, 7 pm  
Franklin Farmerettes

### June 2009

**2-4** College Days

**8** Mink Farm Tour 6 & 7 pm (members only)  
una visita para el rancho de visón  
Presenter: Ken & Mary Langer  
Facilitator: Mary Langer

**11** Garden Tour 10 am (Members only)  
Vistando el jardín  
Presenter: Karen Overbeck  
Facilitator: Ethel Zimmerman

**16-18** HCE Trip, St. Croix area