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- *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.

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Memo from the Board . . .

I am writing this under the green lights in my dining room on St. Patty's Day! Well, that also means that by the time you read this, Spring will be here! And, that means that it is time to start thinking about new things . . . in particular, new crafts.

Craft Day will be on April 27 at Mission Covenant Church in Poplar. The Town & Country ladies have been searching for new and exciting crafts for us to learn. We hope we have found something that will inspire you to try and also continue making to enter into the Cultural Arts Contest, which will also be held that day!

The class description and registration form are included later in this newsletter. It is important to get your registration in early to guarantee your place in the class of your choice. The crafters have given me minimum and maximum numbers that they wish for their classes. If we do not have enough, we will cancel the class. If we have gone over the maximum, I will assign you to your second choice. For that reason, it is very important to include those choices. Also, for the above reasons it is important that you register before the deadline for your attendance.

Thank you! Keep crafting and creating!
 Donna Bergsten
 Town & Country HCE



HCE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**March 6, 2019**

Roll Call: Hilltoppers 2, Merry Mates 1, Town & Country 2, Advisor 0

The meeting was opened at 1:50 p.m. by President Cheryl McCuskey with the HCE Creed

Secretary's Report: Jo Mersnick: January minutes approved and placed on file. No minutes for February.

Correspondence: none

Treasurer's Report: Linda Williams: - The Treasurer's Report was approved and placed on file for review

- The CD was deposited into the Savings Account.
- There was a question concerning the difference between the expenses for the Quilt-a-thon and the receipts. As the receipts come in from raffle ticket sales this difference will lessen. Hilltoppers will discuss this situation at their meeting.

* In 2017 a check was never written to WITC for the Melinda Boswell Scholarship, so the recipient received the scholarship in our name but with WITC funds. This has been remedied by taking the delinquent funds from savings and getting our account up to date.

Sunshine: Cheryl McCuskey reported on the Sunshine Fund.

Dispatch: Due March 15.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VP Programming and Community Outreach: Marion Bradley - It is time to plan our programming for 2020. Please plan to attend the program planning meeting on April 4th at 12:30 at the Superior Library.

Cultural Arts: Mary Ann Gronquist: Information is in the March Dispatch.

International: Christa Williams-Clements articles on Cuba are very interesting.

Membership/Marketing: Sue Hendrickson – PR from our events helps to publicize HCE and raise awareness of DCHCE and what we do.

Scholarship: Linda Williams - The Melinda Boswell Scholarship will go to WITC this year. There have not been any applicants for our short term scholarships. Please ask Linda about the scholarships available.

WI Bookworms™ - Sue Hendrickson – Sue will be involved with the WISline in April concerning the WI Bookworms Program and she will be applying for the Early Readers Literacy Proposal along with RSVP for a grant for Bookworms. Recently WAHCE was the recipient of a grant in support of our early reading program from the Green Bay Packers Foundation.

Human Development & Relationships Educator – Tracy Henegar: no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Quiltathon – Sue has signed the contract. The Quiltathon will take place on March 28th at the Mariner Retail and Business Center from 10 - 3. Please plan to come and help work on quilts for “kids in crisis”.

NEW BUSINESS:

Craft Day: April 27th 9:30 – 3 p.m. Mission Covenant Church, Poplar. Registration will be in the April Dispatch.

Meeting closed with the HCE prayer at 3:00 p.m.
Minutes submitted for approval by Jo Mersnick

**Program Planning for 2020
Superior Public Library
April 4, 2019 - 12:30 p.m.**

It is “that” time of the year again, our
“brainstorming session”

for planning our programs for 2020!

Please come and join our spontaneous discussion as we plan for our future projects, education, and programs.

Talk with your HCE friends and find out what they would like to have planned for 2020. Each club is to send one representative, but more than one makes for generating more discussion. Please join us!!

Marion Bradley VP

Condolences

Our very sincere condolences to the family of Lois Smith who died on March 19th. Lois was a long time member of the Merry Mates Club, and her daughter Linda Williams and granddaughter Christa Williams-Clements are current members. We will miss her dearly.



Also, our sympathy goes out to Cheryl McCuskey in the loss of her brother, after just losing her mother in January. We are all thinking of you.

Submitted by,
Mary Ann Gronquist

**Dispatch: April 2019 FROM THE DESK OF
SUE HENDRICKSON—
Membership/Marketing/Wisconsin Bookworms
EARTH DAY 2019, APRIL 22**

*“In nature, nothing exists alone.” —
Rachel Carson, 1962, Silent Spring*

The focus for Earth Day 2019 is protection of endangered species. Nature’s gifts to our planet are the millions of species that we know and love, and many more that remain to be discovered. Unfortunately, human beings have upset the balance of nature and, as a result, the world is facing the greatest rate of extinction since we lost the dinosaurs more than 60 million years ago. But unlike the fate of the dinosaurs, the rapid extinction of species in our world today is the result of human activity.

The unprecedented global destruction and rapid reduction of plant and wildlife populations are directly linked to causes driven by human activity: climate change, deforestation, habitat loss, trafficking and poaching, unsustainable agriculture, pollution and pesticides to name a few. The impacts are far reaching. If we do not act now, extinction may be humanity’s most enduring legacy.

All living things have a value, and each plays a unique role in the complex web of life. We must work together to protect endangered and threatened species: bees, coral reefs, elephants, giraffes, insects, whales and more. The good news is that the rate of extinctions can still be slowed, and many of our declining, threatened and endangered species can still recover if we work together now to build a united global movement of consumers, voters, educators, faith leaders, and scientists to demand immediate action.

Earth Day Network is asking people to join our Protect our Species campaign. Our goals are to:

- Educate and raise awareness about the accelerating rate of extinction of millions of species and the causes and consequences of this phenomenon.
- Achieve major policy victories that protect broad groups of species as well as individual species and their habitats.
- Build and activate a global movement that embraces nature and its values.
- Encourage individual actions such as adopting plant based diet and stopping pesticide and herbicide use.

If you would like to learn more about the current

wave of extinction and additional information about this problem surf to www.earthday.org. And join the movement!

QUILTATHON 2019

By the time you read this, another Quilt-a-thon will have come and gone. Many thanks to all the members and volunteers that helped make this great event possible, especially the South Range Hilltoppers who do all the organizing. And be sure to shop at AND THANK our generous sponsors: Guadalajara, Mariner Mall and Business Center (our host since 1997!), Super One, and Walmart of Superior; Hanna’s Fabrics of Duluth; Little Gift House of Solon Springs; Kunnert’s Kreations of Gordon; and Quilted Dog of Cloquet. And a big THANK YOU to Mary Johnson of Cloquet who donated a roll of batting and two huge bags of fabric. Mary, you rock!

Sewing supplies were collected to send to Nicaragua Sewing Centers. Jeanette Rantala is still willing to take sewing donations for the Nicaragua Project to the warehouse in Stevens Point—next trip in April or May. So if you have sewing supplies to share, call Jeanette (608-713- 5160) then drop them off at the Extension Office for pickup. Thanks, Jeanette.

Just a note to remind those who have not turned in their quilt raffle tickets, the end is near! Tickets will be offered for sale till noon Craft Day April 27 to be put in the cute “bed box” that Marian Bradley, Hilltoppers, made. The 2019 winner will be chosen, then the new quilt for 2020 will be

unveiled! Selling raffle tickets is good PR besides funding our batting for each year. Thanks all!

Did you know Wisconsin Bookworms is entering its 21st year of reading and sharing books with early readers?!

Among other things, reading to young children encourages the developmental reading skills and strategies of accessing prior knowledge; making predictions using picture clues; vocabulary acquisition; and forming connections in learning. Plus it’s fun—for kids and readers. WAHCE has a new Early Readers Literacy Committee to seek and obtain funding to support early reading programs in Wisconsin counties. The recent Green Bay Packers Foundation award is their first success. Good luck, ERL Committee!



APRIL

April 4	12:30	Program Planning Ideas	Library	VP
April 4	1:30	Board Meeting	Library	President
April 13-25		CHERYL ON VACATION	OUT OF OFFICE	EDITOR
April 27	9:30 - 3:00	Craft Day/Cultural Arts Contest	Mission Covenant Church Poplar, WI	T & C

MAY

May 2	12:30	Board Meeting	Library	President
TBA		Good Garden Greenhouse Tour	21st Street	VP

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

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