



# Roots and Branches

WASHINGTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR

HOME & COMMUNITY EDUCATION



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## From the President's Desk

### ANOTHER BUSY YEAR!

I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy fall before we look ahead to the Holidays. As I write this, we are still in the middle of so much rain and a little sun would be welcome. Rain is good for all our trees and plants and I'm happy it is too early for it to be snow.

As we touched on at our **Fall Association Meeting**, we are planning on some new and different challenges to our organization this year. We will be asking for some extra help from our members to pick up some duties that the office staff at the UW-Extension office staff has been doing for us. **Carol** is still our **Family Living Educator and liaison** but has added duties and Jenny Amenda, Family Living **program assistant** will have much less time to devote to some of the clerical duties we were fortunate to have the office do for us. They have taken care of all the creating and printing of the materials in your President's pack each month, printing and assembly of the Roots and Branches and basically all the materials that we get come from them. They will be available help us with the info and we will still be able to print our material at the office. I hope no one was afraid

to sign up for new opportunities at the Fall Association Meeting.

I think we all will agree that our trip to **Shalom Wildlife Center** was a really enjoyable experience. A big **Thank You** to **Michelle Hansen** who worked hard to arrange everything. I would like to give a shout out to **Wayne Willing Weavers Club** who showed up in force-so happy to see all of you! We look forward to the **Casa Guadalupe Program** for our Special Interest presentation in **November**.

Again, we are looking for mountains of mittens for the **Mitten Tree** and **volunteers** to help distribute them on **December 4**. See inside article for details.

I am so proud of all our HCE members who stepped up this year to help out at our various activities. We always had volunteers when we needed them and again many hands make all work easier for everyone and a stronger organization. Our volunteer opportunities are a good chance to get to know each other better.

At this time, I would like to wish all of you a very happy **Thanksgiving** and a peaceful and blessed **Christmas!**

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## Liaison's Message – Carol Bralich

Dear Friends,

As we put the final touches on the 2018 HCE membership year, we can't help but reflect on our year of education, social networking and community giving! We began with a tour and discussion at Spaulding Clinical, a locally grown company. We explored our state of Wisconsin, inspiring members to travel about the state when weather was good and listened to several member experiences in Cuba. In Fall, members got back to nature with wildlife at the Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary. Over the course of the year, several household baskets were donated by members to Karl's Place participants who moved on into their own residence. I encourage your club to think about how you would like to continue making memories, learning about the world around you and engaging our community.

As you have been hearing, there will be changes in 2019. The Board of Directors has been discussing these changes at the last several meetings and has moved forward by organizing opportunities for members to be involved with various programs. At the Fall Association Meeting, members received a chart with a list of opportunities that are available. Please take the time to discuss in your club

that members might be interested in doing, and, then return the yellow form to the office by December 1<sup>st</sup> or bring to the December Board meeting. Some opportunities require less time than others, while some are spread out throughout the year. Maybe there is a match for your talents!

In addition, at the state level, the WAHCE Board has approved a negotiated document which replaces the previous Memorandum of Agreement. The "Guideline of WAHCE and UW-Extension Relationship" document will be in effect starting January 1, 2019. This document provides a starting place for Washington County HCE and the Extension office to have a yearly conversation regarding the capacity of how we can work together moving forward. There will be a discussion about the document at the February 2019 Board of Directors meeting. It has already been posted on the state website: <http://wahceinc.org> if you would like to review it sooner.

I look forward to working together again in 2019! Have a great holiday season!

*Carol Bralich*

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## November/December Schedule of Events

- ❖ **Thursday, November 1**  
Dues, Pennies for Friendship,  
Deadlines
- ❖ **Thursday, November 1**  
Special Interest Meeting:  
Casa Guadalupe
- ❖ **November 4-10**  
Celebrate HCE Week
- ❖ **Saturday, December 1**  
HCE Board of Directors Meeting  
9:00 a.m., PAC, West Bend,  
Room 1113 A&B

## Christmas in New Mexico

By Mary Krueger

For many of the New Mexicans the Christmas season starts on December 12th with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of the Americas. Legend has it that she appeared in 1531 to an Indian who had converted to Christianity. People believe that Our Lady of Guadalupe enriches their lives, lightens their daily burdens and protects their homes. The celebration is their way of thanking her for all she does for them throughout the year.

The celebration begins with a 14 mile pilgrimage to the top of the Tortugas Mountain on the evening of December 11th. The people carry torches to light the way and gather wood as they go for a bonfire that will light up the dark sky. They will sing and pray until dawn.

Los Posadas means, "The Inns" originally began 400 years ago on December 16th and runs until Christmas Eve (La Noche Buena). Many times now, it is shortened to Christmas Eve. Carved figures of Mary and Joseph are carried through the streets in search of an inn. Each night the weary travelers are finally given shelter and the party begins. Meals during the feast are extremely important. An entire steer is used with its bones boiled in water to make broth in which albondigas (meatballs) are cooked. They are served with red Chile beans and Indian bread. Nothing separates Christmas in New Mexico from the rest of the world than the lighting of farolitos (lanterns) and luminaries. In their hearts, New Mexicans believe that the little fires they light on

Christmas Eve will help Mary and Joseph find their way in the night. And bless those kind souls who set out the building light.

Today, paper sacks filled with sand and a candle are used.

Many children in New Mexico believe Christmas is not complete without the piñata! The piñata is a tradition used at children's birthday parties. So what could be more appropriate than to have a piñata at the birthday of the Christ child? Each blindfolded child gets a stick and a chance to whack the piñata. When one lucky child breaks it open he shares the candy and gifts. The piñata are usually limited to stars and donkeys made originally of clay.

The pinon tree, a native evergreen, has long been the traditional choice for a New Mexican tree. Pinon nuts are a prized addition to New Mexican cooking and used in a wide variety of dishes including candy, salads and main dishes. They are difficult to harvest, hard to shell and expensive to buy. The trees are decorated with colored balls, hand-woven straw angels (milagros) and red and green Chile peppers. FELIZ-NAVIDAD!



# WAHCE State Conference

By Ginny Ramstack

## A BIG 2018 WAHCE STATE CONFERENCE APPRECIATION NOTE

I think we all should be very proud of the **WAHCE State Conference** that our **Southeast District** hosted at in the **Ingleside** in Pewaukee. **If you didn't attend, you missed out on a** very good time. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the help the Washington County members provided.

**Janice Oestreich** headed a crafty bunch of members to create table favors for one of the meals. This group outdid itself as they provided ideas, materials and many hours of service in this capacity. Each of the 270 diners at conference received a fanciful cone filled with candies thanks to you!

Thanks also to the bus tour hostesses as they directed the attendees to great destinations. Washington County members who were involved were Bev Buckmann & Endie Bardell, Judy Spaeth & Pat McIntee, Janice Oestreich & myself. Room Hostesses were Susan Beck, Jan Jilling, Pat McIntee, Bev Buckmann, Janice Oestreich, Judy Spaeth and Karen McElroy. These folks made sure everyone was in the correct classroom and assisted the presenters as needed.

Carol Bralich taught the educational session "Keeping Your Credit Report in Check" with helpful knowledge.

And I hope you all enjoyed the food as Donna Zarovy(Kenosha County), Chris

Werner (SE District President) and I made the food choices. A daunting task to make 275 women and 4 men happy.

There was a good mix of educational and fun learning sessions that were enjoyed by all. I hope we all came back a little smarter and energized by all the new people we met (or reconnected with).

We are already looking forward to 2019 in Manitowoc at the Holiday Inn!

## Cultural Arts Winners

State Cultural Art winners from our county as follows: Marge Kufahl- red ribbon, Michelle McLane-red ribbon, Janet Halliburton-red ribbon, Marilyn Mayer-3 blue ribbons, Marilyn Nodelhoffer-2 blue ribbons, Janice Oestreich-blue ribbon, Debbie LaBonte-blue ribbon, Lil Butcher-blue ribbon, Jan Jilling-blue ribbon, and special category winner-Ruth Knetzer.



Above: Ruth's winning entry for the bonus category at State Conference

## 2018 WAHCE State Conference Report By Ginny Ramstack

As your HCE Washington County President I attend the annual WAHCE Annual Business Meeting held at the State Conference each year. This year was no different. I am just going to note a few highlights presented this year. This information is taken from the 2018 Annual Report given to us. If anyone is interested in seeing the whole report just let me know. Here goes:

**TOTAL WAHCE operating budget**  
– YTD \$26.012.00

**MEMBERSHIP** – State total – 3,158, New members – 123, Number of Clubs – 307, Total dues - \$15,790. Southeast District members – 404, New members – 12, Number of Clubs – 41 (Washington County has the most members in the District at 72

**CULTURAL ARTS** – 424 entries from 42 counties “Spring into Action” bonus category had 25 entries

**INTERNATIONAL** Total donations - \$ 13,309.75 - supported scholarship program in Haiti through Ventures in People, Nicaragua for the Learning Centers and water filters and money for stoves to be constructed were finally given to villages. Nicaragua continues to be a challenge due to the unstable government in that country. The 25 cents per member went United Nations Zero Hunger campaign. Pennies for Friendship also included in total.

**MARKETING** - Lori Hlinak chairperson developed a very attractive IN MEMORY

certificate for us to use to send to family members to commemorate HCE membership when we have a death of one of our members.

**WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS** – 38 counties participated, 39,397 books distributed to approximately 4,900 children.

Donna Zarovy of Kenosha County SE District was elected to be the new WAHCE State President. Hope this gives you a little idea of what is going on at the State Level.



Above photo: Washington County HCE Members at State Conference. Also attended but not shown in photo were: Judy Petersen, Janice Oestreich, and Marilyn Mayer.

## Memories made at State Conference 2018

By Pat McIntee

Let me start by saying EVERYONE should try to attend WAHCE State Conference. You will be rewarded with fun and interesting places to see, new friends, information, and did I mention FUN. I am going to tell you about my favorite part of the conference...our tour.

Judy Spaeth and I hosted the tour bus that took us and 52 other HCE members to Greendale, WI. We learned a lot about a little village tucked away in the southwest corner of Milwaukee County. Our tour started when two fun and well informed residence of Greendale stepped on our bus to tell us of their town. CJ and Colleen's enthusiasm was contagious! They told the story of how Greendale is just one of three villages in the United States that started as a government project to get people back to work after the crash of 1929.

In 1934 Greendale was selected as one of the "Greenbelt Towns". The government built and owned the properties until the mid-50's.



Above: CJ making us cookies in the test kitchen.



Above: Al greeted us on the bus!

But the story gets better, meet Al, who is a long time citizen of Greendale. Al is quite a character and a man of artistry and vision. He developed a method of applying stucco to a foam core giving him the ability to make any shape his customer wants to apply to the chimney. And so our chimney tour began! We rode through the narrow streets of Greendale viewing the most beautiful chimney art work ever! The tour was highlighted when the bus stopped and Al got on to greet us!! He is in his eighties now and his son has taken over the ladder climbing, but Al still designs and helps with the construction of the amazing artwork.

The tour concluded at the Taste of Home test kitchen. Our kitchen hostess, CJ, made an award winning cookie recipe and then passed them out for our tasting pleasure! We had about an hour to explore Greendale on our own before the bus brought us back to the conference.

Below: Example of the Chimney Art



## Quilt Museum in Cedarburg



Left to right: Picture 1- Jan Oestreich with quilt, Picture 2 - Trees, Picture 3 - Rose.

## The Wisconsin Quilt Museum & Fiber Arts Museum Tour

By Jan Oestreich

This museum is located east of historic downtown Cedarburg. The quilts on display were from Japan. The detailed and intricate hand work showed in the 23 quilts on display in this historic barn. As several of the tour attendees strolled from one quilt to the other they were awestruck with the beauty of each quilt. It was evident we had an opportunity to see a unique display of quilts which will only be shared by few in the artistic field of needlework. All of these quilts were winners in a Japanese setting. Many pictures were taken and all comments were breath taken as they recognized the once in a lifetime exhibit in a small museum. This museum is only 3 of its kind in the USA. The tour was short but we did some shopping at the Cedar Creek Settlement shops in downtown Cedarburg. We all climbed back on the school bus in the hot afternoon with every window wide open. Back to the conference with lots to share.

## SHE CAME FROM KANSAS (A state conference class)

By Deb LaBonte

This was the title to one of my classes. I had no idea what it was going to be! To my surprise, it was about famous women from Kansas represented on a quilt. The speaker explained each section of the quilt and how it tied into each woman. She showed books about the other quilts and the stories they told. I found the class eye opening to the joy these women had quilting



Above: Tree Quilt

## Mittens for Many

By Marge Kufahl

Our Make Mittens for Many Program continues to be held monthly September through April at the West Bend Community Library from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The dates for the remainder of this calendar year are **November 10<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Both sessions will be in the Board Room. There will be signage directing participants. We encourage those who crochet, knit or work on looms. We welcome all ages and skill levels. Any donations of yarn are accepted or feel free to help yourself to the donated yarn that is available at the sessions. Snack contributions are voluntary. Monetary contributions for the room rental of \$10.00 per month are also voluntary.

Items from this group are donated to nonprofit agencies within Washington County

## Mitten Tree

We are collecting mittens, scarves and hats for the mitten project. These can be crocheted, knitted or store-bought. Small sizes are needed plus for school aged children. The Mitten Tree will be up in the lobby of the PAC Building. Please bring your donations to the PAC suite 1200 by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will sort, count and deliver these mittens on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM at the PAC. We are looking for some generous people to help on that date. If you can spare a few hours for this worthy cause please call Bev Buckmann at 262-338-8418 or Debbie LaBonte at 262-628-2487

some of which are Friends for Abused Families, food pantries throughout the county as well as elementary schools.

The November date is our donation date. Representatives from HCE attend to accept our donations of hats, scarves, mittens, blankets, slippers, etc. These are sorted in December and then distributed to the various agencies by HCE committee members.

The December date is the potluck to celebrate the Christmas holiday. There will be a sign up sheet circulated at the November session.

Feel free to attend any or all sessions either for the entire time or for any time you have available. This group is very informal. We enjoy each other's company as well as exchange ideas while contributing to a worthwhile community cause.

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# OCTOBER PROJECT... Exploring Shalom Wildlife Center

By Judy Spaeth

We were blessed with a gorgeous day to gather, ride, hike and meet with our animal people in this beautiful setting just northeast of West Bend. The photo ops were too numerous to print and our hosts were helpful and kind. It is strongly suggested that this place be re-visited and that those who missed this opportunity make sure to go there soon. And point of reference, our youngest HCE "member", Tilly (Mary Krueger's granddaughter), shows that this organization is vibrant and set for the future.



## With Sympathy

### Submitted by Twisted Sisters

Washington County HCE offers our deepest condolences to two of our members who lost close family members this past August.

Marma McIntee's mother, Laverne McIntee passed away on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the age of 91.

Laverne was also the mother-in-law of Pat McIntee.

Beth Kohler's son, Michael, of Shorewood, passed away unexpectedly on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the age of 34. Both Marma and Beth are members of Twisted Sisters. Please keep them in your thoughts.

## Club News

### South Center Report

By Janice Oestreich and Dorothy Bayard

**Sugar N Spice:** Their group had a small summer outing on August 18<sup>th</sup> to the Ten Chimneys National Historic Home in Genesee Depot. This might be considered under the family signup, because 3 members invited their husbands, Ginny & Paul, Phyliss & Rick, and Dorothy & Dennis along with Deb Labonte. Their experience took them back into time of the 1930 – 1950 when Lynn Fontanne and Albert Lunt were Broadway stars. Ten Chimneys was named from the number of chimneys on the grounds. Their summer retreat included famous guests who visited regularly: Helen Hayes, Laurence Olivier and his wife Vivien Leigh, Carol Channing and Noel Coward. Their guide dressed the part and was well versed on every item within the buildings. This trip was also offered this summer when the WI Southeast District hosted the NVON conference in July and again at the State WAHCE conference in September.

Their group had meetings in both September and October. They are in full swing. Eight members attended the WAHCE conference over the three day span September 17-19. Each member who entered in the Cultural Arts received a medal for their entry. Ruth Knetzer won the bonus entry "Spring into Action" which makes our county winner in this

category 4 years in a row at state. Besides keeping up with the HCE activities; several members are officers within the organization. At both meetings Janice Oestreich had them busy with projects for the WAHCE conference and the Fall Association meeting. Business was conducted by Phyliss in September and Dorothy in October. All registered for next week and are seeking for new members. All who attended State Conference agreed to write an article for the Roots and Branches. Read what they experienced during one of the sessions in future R & B Newsletters.

**Coney River:** They enjoyed a friendly Pot Luck Dinner & Dessert at the home of Marcy Bishop on September 17<sup>th</sup>. They shared stories of "what I did last summer". And back to business; President Irene Wolf conducted the meeting. Recognizing the officers Susan Beck as Secretary and Mardell Rauh as Treasurer for the year. In the old business they reflected on their summer outing to the Peony Park in Rosendale and Larson's Clydesdale Farm. For some reason they forgot the name of the restaurant they stopped for lunch. But it sounded yummy.

They collected the fees for the Shalom Wildlife Center on October 4<sup>th</sup> at \$9. And the Fall Association Meeting on October 18, cost of \$8.00 for the meal. They will sign up for the

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Special Interest Meeting on Casa Guadalupe: The Bridge of Integration at 7pm at the PAC.

Several members who attended the WAHCE State Conference shared their experience and recollections. Reminded of the upcoming Southeast District Meeting to be held in Dodge County on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Must register with Ginny Ramstack. Good opportunity to find out what is happening around the state.

The R & B Newsletter was passed out and read through. They all like the two column

## North Center Report

By Judy Etta

**EVER READY** members met at Main Street Café on September 11, 2018. Twelve members gathered, with President Bev Buckmann presiding. Members decided to contribute \$25.00 to Karl's Place. None of the members are reaching the 25 or 50 year milestone, so pins are not needed. Bookworms and Spring Fling were discussed. Officers elected were: President-Bev Buckmann, Vice-President-Lynne Ferge, Secretary-Endie Bardell, and Treasurer-Judy Essig. The October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Bev Buckmann's home. At that time dues of \$15.00 will be collected, and Pennies for Friendship. Members were asked to bring ideas for a game or craft to do. The Christmas Party is planned for December 8<sup>th</sup> at No No's, with dessert following at Debbie Schmidt's house. The meeting closed with prayer.

**PRESSURE COOKERS** September meeting was held at Pat McIntee's house. The meeting was called to order, and the Homemakers' Creed was recited. The Roots and Branches Newsletter was discussed. Club Officers are going to remain the same for the

format and overall appearance. Thanks go to Editors Judy Spaeth and Pat McIntee. They reviewed the needs and information on Karl's Place, completed with the Affirmative Action form, and then closed the meeting with the HCE Prayer Creed.

**Hubertus Honeys and Slinger H.N.O.** have not reported any business meetings at the time of this R&B Newsletter. But they did have members from both groups attend the WAHCE State Conference.

coming year. Members were reminded that County dues of \$15.00 and \$20.00 of Club dues are now due. Six of the ten members attended State Conference on September 17-19. Club members volunteered and worked at the conference. Cones for the candy placed on the tables at WAHCE Conference, were made by a group led by Pat McIntee and Jan Oestreich. Nominations are being sought for president and secretary of the county organization. \$50.00 was taken out of the treasury for congratulations baskets for Karl's Place. The Fall Association Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> and the Special Interest Session on Casa Guadalupe were discussed. It was decided that the Club Christmas Party will be held the second Saturday in December at the Hampton Inn. The meeting was closed with the Homemakers' Prayer.

**TWISTED SISTERS** September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at Marma McIntee's home. Vice President-Marma McIntee opened the meeting with the Homemakers' Creed. Everyone talked about what happened over the summer.

Dues were collected for yearly membership as well as club's monthly dues. An Affirmative Action Sheet and Roll Call Information Sheets with Photo Release were circulated for approval. Election of Officers was held: The President will remain Michelle Hansen, Vice President will remain Marma McIntee, Secretary will remain Marge Kufahl, and Treasurer will now be Christine Larson.

Discussion was held about the newsletter's, new streamlined look due to the accessibility compliance. Suggestions were made to have 2 versions made available – one to meet accessibility guidelines and one for the general membership with more detailed content and pictures. Christine Larson made membership aware that the Extension Office is going down to 1 colored printer in an effort to cut costs. Also there have been staffing changes in the office with less time available for HCE duties. Therefore there may a cost involved for members to retain the current newsletter format.

Three members are planning on attending Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary Tour on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Six members are planning on attending the Fall Association Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, and were reminded to bring a donation for Golden Opportunities Raffle. At this time five members plan to attend the Special Interest Session on Casa Guadalupe on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

The Twisted Sisters Field Trip was canceled to the Twisted Sisters Shop in Beaver Dam. Members decided to reschedule the trip for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Marma McIntee conducted a game pertaining to Wisconsin facts. Each member received a sheet with 17 questions about Wisconsin. Beth Kohler was the winner with the most correct answers with first selection of a prize. All other members got a consolation

prize as well. It was very informative and they all learned or relearned facts about Wisconsin.

The meeting concluded with the Homemakers' Prayer.

The October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at Marge Kufahl's home, with President Michelle Hansen opening the meeting. Club dues were collected and the group shared their impressive experiences at Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary. The Fall Association Meeting was discussed and seven members are planning to attend. Members attending were reminded to bring a donation for Golden Opportunities Raffle.

The registration deadline is October 18<sup>th</sup> for the Special Interest Session on Casa Guadalupe.

Members talked about the Roots and Branches Newsletters and a thought was to have clubs volunteer to assemble the newsletter if two versions were done.

The new date for the field trip to Twisted Sisters Shop in Beaver Dam is November 3<sup>rd</sup>, with club members leaving West Bend at 9:00 a.m.

Since Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary was such a hit, the Club decided to start their Holiday Gathering with a drive-thru Tour of the Sanctuary, and end with dinner at a local restaurant.

A word search game, was distributed by Marge Kufahl pertaining to fall and Halloween. The grand prize was a beautiful fall wreath donated by Gerry Weisinger. All remaining members picked a number and selected a small consolation prize. Refreshments followed.

**WAYNE WILLING WEAVERS** met, for lunch, at the Top of the Ridge on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The lunch was followed by a delicious Apple Cranberry Kuchen for dessert. President, Marilyn Martin called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with the Homemakers' Creed. Five members were in

attendance. A Thank You was received from Michelle Hanson for the Club's contribution of paper items for Karl's Place. Each of the members talked about what happened over the summer. Marilyn Martin and Judy Etta attended a great HCE annual picnic on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Jackson Park.

Roots and Branches Newsletters were distributed. The Newsletter was discussed, and members hope, with all the changes going on, that the Newsletter can remain similar to what it is now. Members commented on how they enjoy seeing what other Clubs are doing.

Bookworms was the next topic of discussion. Members were asked if they would like to be a reader for Bookworms, but none were interested.

Wayne Willing Weavers has no members reaching the 25 or 50 year milestone, so pins do not need to be ordered.

Election of Officers took place with Marilyn Martin continuing as President. Judy Etta will remain Vice President, and the new Secretary/Treasurer will be Beverly Oelhafen. Six members are planning on going to the Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that all of the members want to ride, and not walk. Members

were reminded to bring a bag lunch or buy it at the Sanctuary.

Six members plan to attend the Fall Association Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Fee was collected and members were reminded to bring a donation for the Golden Opportunities Raffle.

Members discussed the Special Interest Session on Casa Guadalupe in November and it was decided to wait until the October meeting to see who can go.

Annual membership dues of \$15.00 will be collected at the October meeting along with Pennies for Friendship.

The annual Christmas Party was discussed along with the donations the Club will give to various organizations. Members will bring their ideas to the October meeting.

Ruth Kern brought the door prize and it was won by Beverly Oelhafen. Arlene Wulff will bring the door prize for October. Theresa Bruckert will also be bringing a door prize in October.

Members were reminded of the UWEX Open House for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – October 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. to be held in Room 1020 at the Government Center.

The meeting ended with the Homemakers' Prayer.



# Fall Association Meeting

By Judy Spaeth

Each year in fall we attend our Washington County HCE business meeting but we all know that it is not all business. We enjoy a great meal with lovely decorations, and lively bidding at our silent auction. This year the South Center was in charge and they did not disappoint.

We did accomplish our business objectives however. Ginny Ramstack reported on the Southeast District/State Report with

Mary Krueger giving an update on the Intranational project for 2019. Jan Jilling shared bragging rights with many of our members returning from State with a ribbon (or two, or three)!

Elections were held with Ginny Ramstack holding her position of president for another two years and Michelle Hansen continuing as secretary. The duo of South Center Chairpersons are now Janice Oestreich and Phyllis Heitkemper. Thank you to outgoing chairperson Dorothy Bayard for your service.



TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, JAN OESTREICH, MICHELLE HANSEN AND GINNY RAMSTACK, ALSO PICTURED IS CAROL BRALICH, NOT PICTURED WAS SOUTH CENTER'S NEW CO-CHAIR, PHYLLIS HEITKEMPER. TABLE CENTERPIECE, DEB LABONTE AND MARILYN HERRO ASSISTING WITH GINNY'S AUCTION, DESSERT MEAL LINE, JUDY ETTA, THERESA BRUCKERT AND JUDY ESSIG, HCE MEMBERS AT TABLE.

## Learning opportunities at UW-Milwaukee at Washington County Continuing Education

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## WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS™ FUNDRAISING REPORT

By Marma McIntee

Thank you to everyone for their continuous support and volunteer efforts to make the Wisconsin Bookworms™ program successful for 2018. We have trained new readers to help read to the 235+ children in our program. The books have been delivered and distributed to the readers. Readers have begun reading at the centers in October. We have a balance in the fundraising account as a good start for the

2019. Watch the January newsletter for the new Match Challenge for 2019. A special thank you to Ginny Ramstack and Judy Etta for their recent donations to the Bookworms program in memory of my mom, Laverne McIntee. My family greatly appreciates the many cards and emails expressing sympathy.

### PLEASE HELP YOUR EDITORS!

When submitting articles, be sure to "cc" Pat and Judy. FYI, emails are as follows: [patriciam@nconnect.net](mailto:patriciam@nconnect.net) and [jurispaeth@charter.net](mailto:jurispaeth@charter.net).

Thanks for helping make your newsletter!!

Just a reminder that reports, articles and photos are due the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month before each issue.