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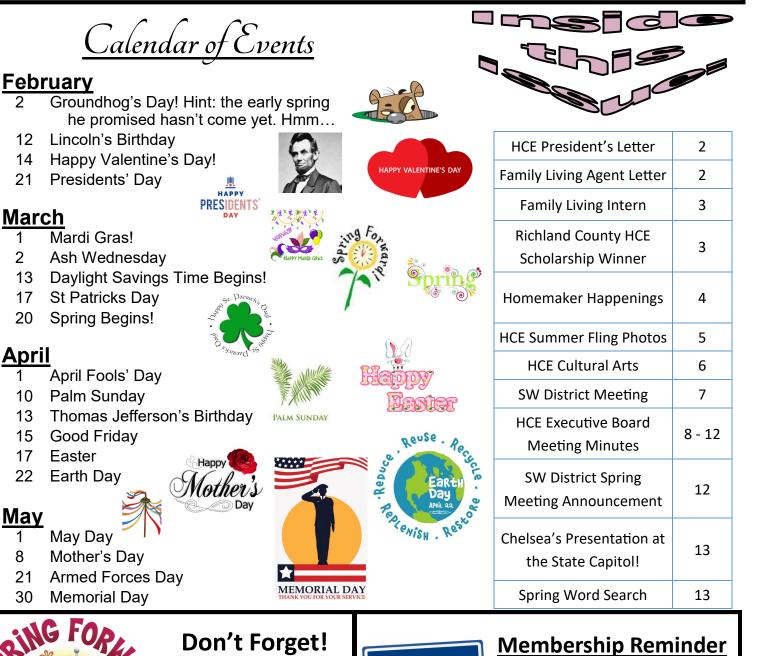
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If you haven't already sent in your enrollment card and dues, please do so. If you need another card, please call the Extension Office, 608-647-6148, and we can send it out to you.

Hello everyone,

It has been a long winter, but the good news is the clubs are starting to have in person meetings again finally.

Our clubs donated enough personal hygiene items for us to fill 40 homemade drawstring bags full. These bags were donated to Passages, a shelter for women and children. We also donated mittens, scarves, and hates to the shelters.

Although our clubs were not able to meet due to Covid, we donated mittens to an elementary school to use as spares. We ordered books for our reading Grandparents program but cannot enter the schools. So we will deliver them to the schools for the teachers to read and add to their classroom libraries.

I sent out a challenge to the clubs to come up with a service project for 2022. We won the HCE Stitches of Love Award in 2021 for the 9,140 masks we sewed and donated to our community during the pandemic. The money we won will be used to fund our next service project for 2022.

The club or clubs that win for the best ideas for a service project will win a HCE Apron.

I called the Richland County Sheriffs Office and left a message that HCE of Richland County wants to donate children's tie blankets to the officers to give out to children in trauma situations.

We are giving a \$500.00 scholarship out this year to a well deserving high school senior to help with college.

HCE is having a T-shirt design contest, all club presidents have the information. There will be 3 winners and prizes. You can enter as many times as you want. If you have a designer flare, please design a T-shirt for HCE. We would love to have a winner from Richland County area.

Your HCE Executive Board has been holding meetings through the internet during the pandemic to keep you informed and keep HCE going.

I encourage all our members to continue making the quiltlets for overseas, the newborn crochet caps for our newborns in the hospitals, and to collect personal hygiene items for Passages.

Finally, this year is my last year as your Richland County President, my term is up in December. So I am looking for a replacement. If interested, feel free to contact me. I have enjoyed the position and have learned so much about this amazing organization.

Thank you for all the memories!

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Greetings HCE Members,

As Spring approaches, I hope we can have more opportunities to get together in the warmer months. Here at Extension, I have been working on community-book reads, coalition meetings, and online teaching.

One topic that is gaining momentum is looking at "Adverse Childhood Experiences," and helping people heal from trauma by making community institutions more trauma-informed. If you would like to learn more, I can recommend the book "What Happened to You?" by Oprah Winfrey and Dr. Bruce Perry. There are 10 copies, plus several of the book-on-CD currently available for check-out at the Brewer Public Library in Richland Center. I'd be happy to facilitate book-club or group conversations if there is a group that would like to use these resources.

Additionally, after a 2-year hiatus, the financial reality day for area high schools, Get Real, is slated to occur again this year on April 27th. This event is a success because many of you volunteer—please join us this year, if you would like to be a part of it. Jennie Silver, support staff for Extension does so much behind-the-scenes to make Get Real and all Extension programs a success. Give her a call if you would like to volunteer and she can take your information: 608-647-6148.

I hope everyone is doing well and that we can see each other again soon.

helsea Wunnicke

Melcome!



Hello, my name is Brianna Schmitt.

I am a student at Southwest Technical College in Fennimore, Wisconsin, where I am in my second year, and graduating in just a few months in May! I am enrolled in the Human Services Associate program.

The last semester and this current semester I have been required to complete internships for one of my courses. For my fall semester, I was with the Boscobel School District with their high school counselor. At the high school, I had the opportunity to observe and meet with the students one-on-one. This semester, I am at the Extension Program in

Richland Center, working with Chelsea Wunnicke. With Extension, I will be getting the chance to work with their Trauma-Informed Care program for the community.

At Southwest Tech, I would say that the Human Services program is about giving back and, in general, always trying to help others and different communities. While I have been at Southwest Tech, in the human services club on campus, we have put together bags for different shelters and agencies that are in need of supplies. Classmates - they will help one another when one of us is in need. In class, when we are in the middle of a lecture or in a discussion, the conversation will always come back to the different surrounding communities or the ones we live in and how we can give back or how could we help in different scenarios.

I look forward to working with Extension and learning more about Richland County this semester.

Congratulations

The Richland County HCE Scholarship winner for 2021 was Elizabeth Case! She was invited to the Summer Fling for the presentation of her scholarship. Elizabeth Case is the daughter of Shannon Case, granddaughter of rural Hillsboro residents Carl and Eileen Zarling. The HCE Scholarship committee chose Elizabeth based on her academic excellence and her strength of character. She is pursuing a career in nursing.

Pictured: Left: Shannon Case, Elizabeth Case, Eileen Zarling, and Kathy Fanta. Right: Elizabeth Case







Stitches of Love Award

Richland County HCE president Yvonne Chapman is presenting the Stitches of Love award and a \$100.00 check to Richland County HCE Treasurer Cecile Haugh.

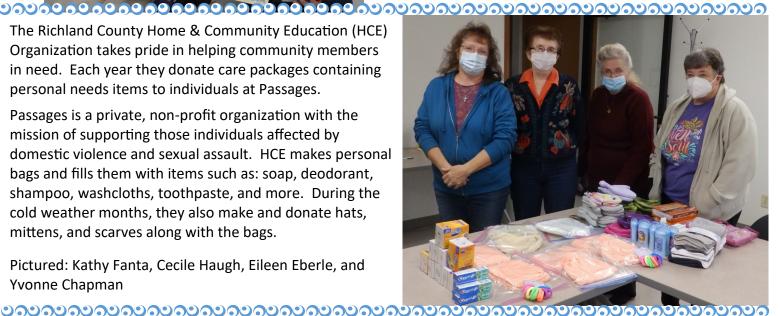
The Richland County HCE is a nonprofit group of men and women who do community service projects. The clubs sewed, donated, and distributed over 9100 cloth masks for adults and children during the pandemic for which they won this award.

The HCE clubs are now planning their next big service project for 2022.

The Richland County Home & Community Education (HCE) Organization takes pride in helping community members in need. Each year they donate care packages containing personal needs items to individuals at Passages.

Passages is a private, non-profit organization with the mission of supporting those individuals affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. HCE makes personal bags and fills them with items such as: soap, deodorant, shampoo, washcloths, toothpaste, and more. During the cold weather months, they also make and donate hats, mittens, and scarves along with the bags.

Pictured: Kathy Fanta, Cecile Haugh, Eileen Eberle, and **Yvonne Chapman**





Thanks for the apron from Richland County HCE.

It was a fun day. Glad to see so many faces. You ladies did a terrific job.

~Shirley, SW District Director

Summer Fling 2021!









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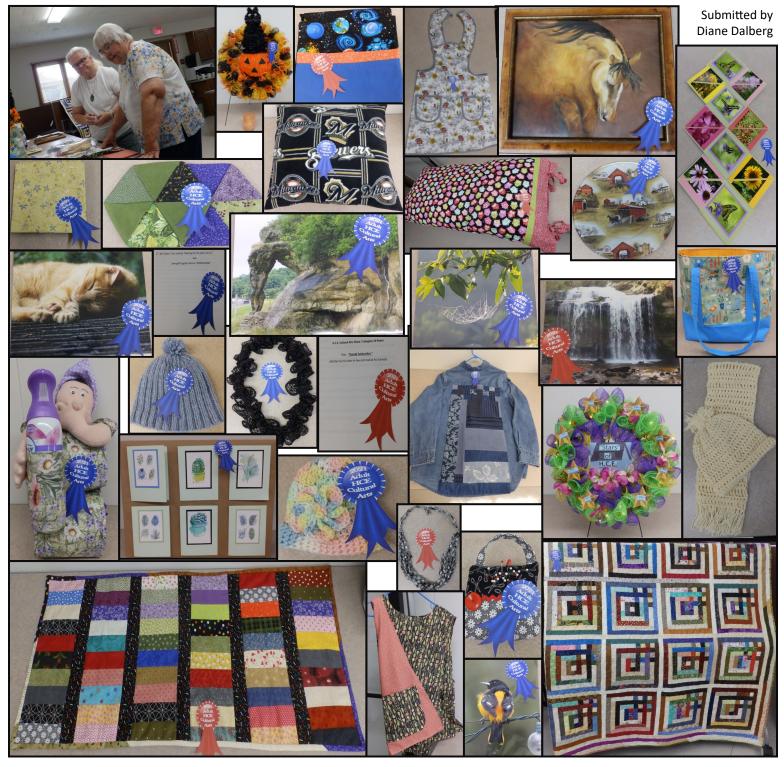




"A good time was had by all!"

The 2021 HCE Cultural Arts Fair was a success! It was wonderful to see friends we hadn't seen for a year and a half. Kathy Granger judged all the articles that were brought in from all over Richland County. There was an excellent variety of entries, including: pillows, aprons, greeting cards, a quilt, a jack made from recycled materials, a painted china plate, a pincushion, table runner, hot pads, photography, a lighted wreath, knitted and crocheted items, a glass plate, writings—both fiction and non-fiction, scrapbooking... and even a toilet paper holder.

The theme this year is "Reach for the Stars". Eileen Eberle created a beautiful wreath that can be used as a centerpiece that will go to the HCE State Convention in Stevens Point in September along with 12 of the entries that received blue ribbons at our local fair.



TO AII: SW DISUICUMEEUNG 2021

Thanks so very much for all you did to make the District meeting day such a huge success August 17, 2021 at the UW-Platteville Richland Campus in Richland Center. I have never been to such a meeting where we got so very many positive remarks about the day.

Special thanks to all of our models who did a super job. Thanks to our district director who went along with all of our endeavors. We gave her an apron of her choice as a gift from Richland County HCE.

The ladies who got the aprons were so very, very pleased and happy to have a homemade gift from former members. These were precious. The lady who got the cookbook thought she got one of the best gifts of her life and she couldn't say enough great things about her gift.

We had Jean Brew there, the lady with her apron, and she added to our day. She was the "State: Make it with Wool" head person for years and did so much for my girls in sewing. She raises sheep, has her own wool and makes her own yarn.

We had several state officers and very capable district officers at this meeting. We had individual members here for the first time and that was great.

I thought it was a wonderful day and we should be very pleased at the results. The only remark to the negative was that 1 person loved the potluck dinner so much better. But with the virus we did the best we could.

We missed Diane Dalberg for the day. Also Selma and Yvonne's grand-daughter, but our thoughts were with them. Stay safe and know you all did a GREAT JOB.





HCE Executive Board Meeting May 11, 2021

Present included: Cecile Haugh, Kathy Fanta, President Yvonne Chapman, F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke, and Eileen Eberle.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Tuesday, May 11, 2021 by ZOOM meeting with the meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Yvonne Chapman.

The April minutes were sent to each for review and discussed by the group followed by a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The treasurer's report was presented by Cecile Haugh, approved as given, and filed. (Cecile will be our temporary treasurer until a new treasure can be found.)

The Richland HCE Summer Fling will be held Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at the UW-Platteville Richland Campus lunch room. We will have a box lunch of a ham sandwich, macaroni salad, chips, soda or milk, a cookie, and free coffee. We will have a craft of a glass plate and fabric. Diane Dalberg is in charge of this. Our F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke will give a talk, and we will practice our apron show which we will do at the District Meeting of Southwest on August 17,2021. We will need all of our members to model aprons. If you have a favorite apron you would want to include in this show, you can.

"Reach for the Stars" is the theme this year so try to make a centerpiece for the tables. The top one will go to the state cultural arts show. There will be beautiful door prizes of wreaths. We will need items brought for a silent auction. The cost of the lunch and craft project is \$15.00. Fun will be had by all.

The Reading Grandparent's Program is continuing at the Richland and Riverdale School districts. Any members who want to be readers, please call Eileen at 583-5544. This is along with Delta Kappa Gamma.

Respective clubs are assisting in the area. Blankets for babies, wreaths at Greenway terrace, mittens, serving at funerals, new born baby caps, other fund raisers, etc.

Richland County will host the Southwest District H.C.E. meeting in the summer of 2021 on Tuesday, August 17,2021 at the Richland Campus lunch room. We will serve a box lunch of turkey sandwiches, potato salad, chips, soda or milk, coffee free, and a cookie. Possible activities were discussed. Programs will be made by Jennie Silver. We will have our apron show, a craft of making roses, a salute to Charlotte Page, Chelsea will talk on a subject, and the afternoon will be the district meeting. We will give 10 of our aprons for door prizes which will be great gifts. There will be a breakfast of donuts, a fruit tray, milk, and coffee. Register for this. The cost will be \$15.00 and you get to meet others from our southwest district .This price includes the lunch and craft.

Eileen is to register the county at the State Conference in Stevens Point for September 20th and 21st.

The Cultural Arts Show will be Tuesday, July 13,2021 at the Richland Campus East Hall. Entries are listed in the Herald. Kathy Granger will be our judge. The entries need to be in place by 10:00 a.m. and judging should be completed by noon. Yvonne will pick up any entries and take them to the show for judging and bring them back home, if you need her, please call her at 608-528-4334.We can send 14 winners to state. Diane Dalberg is in charge of this show. We have such talent in Richland County so let's show what we can do.

The 2021 scholarship committee gave the 2021 report. Kathy Fanta and Cecile Haugh were the selection committee. They have selected a winner and this person will be our guest at the Summer Fling where the scholarship will be presented.

The volunteer hours are to be gotten to the president at the next meeting. Our president got yarn to several knitters and crocheters this month. She also took the packets of books to Lincoln for the Guest Reader Program to the K/4 3 classes of students. Yvonne is also putting together a binder of "Stitches of Love " to accent our county making over 9000 masks during this epidemic. Thanks for this and we will have a display table at state conference.

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:10 a.m. and the meeting was adjourned by the president.

Sincerely submitted by Secretary Eileen Eberle

HCE Executive Board Meeting June 15, 2021

Present included: Cecile Haugh, Treasurer; Kathy Fanta, President of the Yuba Club; Eileen Eberle, Secretary; Chelsea Wunnicke, Richland County F.L.A.; Yvonne Chapman, Richland County H.C.E. President.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Tuesday June 15, 2021 by Zoom and phone at 10:00 a.m. with the meeting called to order by President Yvonne Chapman. Roll call taken.

The May minutes were sent to each board member to review by Secretary Eileen Eberle. Being as no changes, a motion made to accept the minutes as presented, 2nd, and carried. The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Cecile Haugh. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit.

The Richland County Cultural Arts Show is to be held Tuesday, July 13th at 10:00 a.m. at UW-Platteville Richland East Hall Building with the entries to be in place by 10: 00 a.m. We have Diane Dalberg as the Cultural Arts Chairman, and assisted by the executive board. There will be 14 entries from Richland County selected to go to the State Cultural Arts Show in September. Kathy Granger will be the judge. Entries are to be entered from 8:30 a.m. If anyone needs their items taken to the show, please contact Yvonne Chapman and she will pick them up, bring them to the judging, and return them home. Her phone number is 1-608-528-4334 .If you bring your items, please return to pick them up at noon. The monthly meeting of the executive board will be held during the judging.

Cecile Haugh is organizing a basket for the raffle for the State Conference Fund Raiser for the silent auction. Homemade items from Richland County would be good. Contact her on wanted items. Phone 1-608-489-2587.

Members going to State Conference September 20-21 need to sign up for the programs. This conference is in Steven's Point. A room has been reserved for Richland County.

It was decided to put up a Richland County display at this years State H.C.E. Conference in Steven's Point. Some of the members will be attending this conference. We will have a sampling of project work in our county and instruction sheets for hand-outs. Our President is also doing the "Stitches of Love" program, because of our county making so many masks during this epidemic.



The Summer Fling is Wednesday, July 21,2021 at the Wallace Student Center at the UW-Platteville Richland. The cost is \$15.00 for the breakfast, lunch, craft, and door prizes. The sign-up is in the Herald and due by July 2,2021. We will organize our Apron Show for the District Meeting here. If you have a favorite apron, please bring it to include it in the Apron Show in August. We will be making a craft of a plate and fabric. Please bring items for a silent auction. This will be a fund raiser for Richland H.C.E.

Members kept track of their volunteer hours and get these to Yvonne and these were recorded for the state.

The Southwest District meeting is Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at the Wallace Student Center at the Campus. We will be having our "Apron Show" and using your aprons and ones we have from a past apron show. We will need all members from Richland County to model aprons. Cost is \$15.00 and registration form was included with the Herald. This includes a breakfast, lunch, craft, and door prizes. We will be giving 10 of our aprons from a past show as door prizes. We have about 30 aprons from an apron show of Richland H.C.E. approximately 30 or 40 years ago. Come and see. It will be fun.

The August meeting of the executive board will be August 10,2021. The September meeting is going to try again to have face to face. Our condolences to the family and club of Charlene Standish on their loss to this Covid-19 virus.

Motion to adjourn was made by Yvonne after asking if there was any more business, and there being none, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Sincerely submitted by Secretary Eileen Eberle

HCE Executive Board Meeting July 13, 2021

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Thursday, July 13, 2021 at UW-Platteville Richland East Hall Building by our first face-to -face meeting since we were closed down by the Covid-19 virus. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Yvonne Chapman.

Roll call was taken and those present were President, Yvonne Chapman, F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke, Kathy Fanta, Diane Dalberg, and Eileen Eberle.

The June minutes were dispensed as they had been sent to the entire executive board so they had a hard copy to look over of the previous meeting. Motion to approve as presented was made by the president, 2nd, and carried. The treasurer's report was presented by Yvonne Chapman in the absence of the treasurer, approved as given, and filed.

The Cultural Arts Show is today, July 13th with Kathy Granger as the judge. Diane Dalberg is the HCE member in charge and there are 30 entries. Diane is reporting this in the Herald.

The members of Richland County HCE have been super busy making over nine thousand protective masks for many different places. Some have ties, some use elastic holders, and some have the button closures. We want to protect everyone that we can. This virus is deadly all over the world and we need to be very careful, get the vaccinations, wear masks, keep distancing, and wash our hands often. Yvonne put together a booklet for the state on this project and is entering it at the state conference on "Stitches of Love".

The 2021 State HCE Conference in September will be at Steven's Point. Yvonne will take the Cultural Arts projects to the convention and attend the President' s meeting.

The Richland County HCE Summer Fling will be Wednesday, July 21, 2021. We will make a craft of glass plates and fabric directed by Diane. There will be a silent auction, a box lunch, and 8 door prizes of assorted wreaths with candles. We will put together the beginning of our County Apron Show which will be given at the District Meeting August 17th at the Wallace Center of the UW-Platteville Richland Campus. We will honor members for years of service. There will be a special honor to Charlotte Page and a gift to her family. Our scholarship winner will be announced also.

Richland County is hosting the Southwest District HCE meeting August 17th at the Wallace Center of the UW-Platteville Richland Campus. We will need members to model aprons. We have about 30 aprons from a past show and some new ones also. We will be giving 10 of these aprons as door prizes at this meeting.

Eileen Eberle is to contact the schools to see about setting up the Grandparent's Reading program to get books into the schools at Riverdale and Richland K/4 rooms for the coming school year. Hopefully to have the readers read at the Extension office and it be Zoomed into the classrooms. This protects the students and the readers. Chelsea to help work this out, after approval. Delta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter, our co-sponsors of this program, have approved this and funds have been made available to have this program also continue in the schools this coming year. All depends on the school activities.

Diane Dalberg is to be paid for the expenses she incurred to have a project ready for our County meeting. Yvonne Chapman has some rose materials available for sale that she had purchased for a planned HCE project. She is to be paid for these.

Members gave updates of their club activities. Baby blankets, hats, masks have been gotten to the Richland Hospital. Masks to many, many places.

The next meeting of the Richland County Homemakers Executive Board will be August 9th and will be face-to-face or Zoom.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Fanta and President, Yvonne Chapman adjourned the meeting . This was a short meeting as the Cultural Arts Show was being held at the same time and there was no pressing business.

Sincerely submitted by Secretary Eileen Eberle

HCE Special Executive Board Meeting August 12, 2021

Present included: Yvonne Chapman, Cecile Haugh, FLA Chelsea Wunnicke, and Eileen Eberle.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Thursday, August 12, 2021 by ZOOM at 10:00 a.m. with the special meeting called to order by President Yvonne Chapman.

The July minutes were sent to all board members previously and were dispensed with. The treasurer's report was presented by Cecile Haugh, approved as given and filed for audit.

The Cultural Arts Show was held in July and 12 items will be going to the state HCE Conference. President Yvonne Chapman will take the items to state.

The District H.C.E. meeting will be at the UW-Platteville Richland Campus on August 17th. We will have an Apron Show, a rose craft, speaker of Chelsea Wunnicke on Farmers, and a tribute to Charlotte Page in the morning session. The afternoon session will be the District Meeting of 6 counties with the District Director Shirley Steinhorst in charge. We will be serving a box lunch and masks will be required except when eating. The program for the day was set up. Models of HCE members will be done at the apron show. Door prizes for the day will be 10 aprons from our show of several years ago.

The Reading Grandparent's Program (Guest Readers) is continuing at the Richland and Riverdale School districts. Any members who want to be readers, please call Eileen at 583-5544. This is along with Delta Kappa Gamma. Scheduling of readers will start the later part of September. Come join us. Eileen has agreed to head our part in this program for the coming year and then Yvonne will take that position working with Delta Kappa Gamma and the schools.

Richland County HCE had a fund raising at the County Summer Fling and raised \$85.00. An amount of yarn was donated to Richland HCE and the County Liners are going to use this in a project with assisted living residents and other activities. They will make newborn hats for babies and scarves. These will go to the hospitals and Passages. Thanks for this material.

The Yuba Homemakers are making blankets for Nicaragua from cotton fabric and will take some of these to the state conference to be taken to Nicaragua. Our activities are far reaching and doing good in many areas. Also some of these were made for the area police department to use when youth are involved in accidents, etc.

A saying from a former president as a quote from John F. Kennedy is "One person can make a difference and everyone should try". A great motto to live in our lives. Richland HCE is doing much to keep our area supplied with many useful items.

We need to get an article and picture of the models to the paper of our apron show including the sign made for this by Kathy Fanta.

A motion was made at 10:45 a.m. to adjourn the special meeting and President Yvonne Chapman adjourned the August meeting. Thanks Chelsea for setting up this special meeting on Zoom.

Sincerely submitted by Secretary Eileen Eberle Secretary Sileen Secretary Eileen Secretary Eileen Secretary Eileen Secretary

HCE Executive Board Meeting September14,2021

Present included: President Yvonne Chapman, Cecile Haugh, Diane Dalberg, FLA Chelsea Wunnicke, and Eileen Eberle.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Tuesday, September 14, 2021 by ZOOM or phone at 10:00 a.m. with the meeting called to order by President Yvonne Chapman.

Roll call was taken. The August minutes were dispensed as all had been sent a copy of the minutes. There were no changes, it was accepted as presented , 2nd, and carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by Cecile Haugh, approved as given, and filed.

The Yuba area club members have made over 9000 masks for area schools, hospitals, nursing homes, etc. Others are making them in other parts of the county. The Yuba group made 250 children's masks for area schools. These masks are being worn to stop the virus from spreading. Following this activity, Richland County entered the state "Stitches of Love" program and won an honor at the 2021 State WAHCE Conference in Steven's Point in September. Yvonne put together the report. Congratulations to our county and sewers.

Richland HCE members are making quiltlets for Haiti and Nicaragua. The executive board is collecting supplies to put together cloth bags of supplies for Passages.

Southwest District, of which we are a member, was to have a district meeting in the fall which was cancelled. Hopefully this will remain in the same place next year.

The Organizational Sheet of county officers is due to the state at this time. We will see if Jennie Silver will get this completed and to the state.

The Reading Grandparent's Program is continuing at the Richland and Riverdale School districts. Any members who want to be readers, please call Eileen at 583-5544. This is along with Delta Kappa Gamma. Scheduling of readers will start in October if we are able to. This will be done by ZOOM and books will be gotten for the classrooms of K/4 in Richland and 2nd grade in Riverdale. Yvonne will take the packets of books to Doudna School when they are ready. More books need to be ordered from Scholastic.

F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke was present and assisted with our activities and plans for upcoming events. There was a vote taken and we will put the HCE Executive board meetings back to the 1st Tuesday of the month. We will try for a personal meeting in October. This being October 5th at 10:00a.m. at the East Hall on the UW-Platteville Richland Campus.

Due to the Covid19 virus being so bad, we voted not to participate in the State Conference, including attending or sending our cultural arts winners projects. Some members are very concerned about the virus, some members have tested positive, and for safety concerns, we thought this was the right way to proceed. Prayers and best wishes for those affected. President Yvonne Chapman gave a very good report of information from the state.

We had the apron show and a craft of roses at the Southwest District meeting hosted by Richland County August 17th and we received several letters of compliments on a wonderful day. The other county's members loved the show of aprons from the past (10 given as door prizes) and the style show, the craft, and the one door prize of a cookbook back in history of Richland County. It was a wonderful day and enjoyed by all. We asked Kathy Fanta to get an article in the newspapers and some pictures.

Jennie Silver is assisting us at the office and we much appreciate all she and our F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke are doing to help us cope with the current way we have to get things accomplished. We like the way the Herald is being published. Thank you much Chelsea and Jennie.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chelsea at 10:35 a.m., it was 2^{nd} , and meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely submitted by Secretary Eileen Eberle

HCE Executive Board Meeting October 5, 2021

Present at the Zoom meeting arranged by Chelsea included: President Yvonne Chapman, Kathy Fanta, F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke, Cecile Haugh, and Eileen Eberle.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at a Zoom meeting at 10:30 a.m. for the October Executive HCE Board meeting. The meeting was called to order by President , Yvonne Chapman.

The Homemaker's Creed and the Flag Pledge were dispensed. The business meeting was called to order by President Yvonne Chapman. Roll call taken. The September minutes were dispensed as they were published and sent to all board members for review. Motion to approve as presented was made by Yvonne Chapman, 2nd, and carried. The treasurer's report was presented by Cecile Haugh, treasurer, and approved as given, and filed.

The November Executive Board meeting was set by Chelsea Wunnicke, our Family Living Agent and will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at UW-Platteville Richland East Hall Building. Bring supplies for sacks for Passages. We Have plenty of bar soaps. Cecile was approved \$100.00 to get supplies to have good sacks completed.

The Reading Grandparent's Program is continuing at the Richland School district. Any members who want to be readers, please call Eileen at 583-5544. This is along with Delta Kappa Gamma. Diane Dalberg is joining our readers of Kathy Fanta, Michelle Nolen-Karris, Yvonne Chapman, and Eileen Eberle as readers at Doudna School for K/4 students. Books have been ordered and readers are to get in touch with the office of when they can read and tape the reading. Due to the virus, we are not going into the schools at this time.

The District Fall HCE meeting is in Darlington, October 7th. No one is attending from Richland county.

Members gave updates of their club activities. Clubs are teaching skills of parents to others, making blankets and caps for babies at the hospital, making masks, and helping much in our communities.

The Yuba HCE members have made at this time 9,000 masks for area schools, hospitals, nursing homes, neighbors, etc. They sew and distribute these each week. Some were sold to raise the funds for our scholarship this year. They also sold some to raise funds to help provide supplies for the cloth sacks we fill each year for Passages. They are also making mittens for area schools. Yvonne put together a binder for the program "Stitches of Love" and Richland County won first prize at state for their work on the masks. The Yuba club is assisting a family with a new baby and both of the parents got Covid-19. Providing food and much more.

The County Liners HCE are making blankets for the Richland Hospital nursery and working on Passages bags. We are making scarves and hats for Passages.

We may be small in numbers in Richland County, but we are mighty in volunteer work and doing community projects. Thanks tons.

Our F.L.A. has been busy with Parent Inclusion Programs, Covid-19 programs, and much more in our community.

Richland County needs to fill out the County Organizational Sheet and get copies to the county and District Director by November20th.

Yvonne has been writing some grants for funds for our reading program. Photo release forms need to be signed by all members and Kathy Fanta is working with this. Cecile Haugh is heading up the Passages bag project and if you have supplies for these please get to Cecile or the office by November 1st. She has the cloth bags and needs the supplies to fill these. Yvonne read a letter concerning the danger of the flu this season and all were encouraged to get their flu shots. The apron show and the scholarship programs were both in the newspaper. Kathy Fanta supplied the pictures. Cecile did one of the write-ups.

With a motion from President, Yvonne Chapman the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Sincerely submitted by Secretary Eileen Eberle

HCE Executive Board Meeting November 2, 2021

Present included: President Yvonne Chapman, Cecile Haugh, Kathy Fanta, F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke, and Eileen Eberle.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at UW-Platteville Richland East Hall with the meeting called to order by President ,Yvonne Chapman.

The October minutes were highlighted by Eileen Eberle, Secretary with a motion to accept as presented by Yvonne Chapman, 2nd, and carried. The treasurer's report was presented by Cecile Haugh, approved by Kathy Fanta, 2nd, and carried.

We are planning on making cloth emergency gift bags for Passages and supplies were gotten to the office or Cecile and she will put these together and deliver these to Passages. Such items for emergency overnight items could include toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, wash cloths, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, packages of tissue, tampax, etc. Some members are making hats, gloves, and scarves for Passages.

The Yuba HCE are making mittens for youth of our area. The fleece fabric was donated by club members. The County Liners HCE is making hats for Doudna School and hats and scarves for Passages.

The Reading Grandparent's Program is continuing at the Richland School district. Any members who want to be readers, please call Eileen at 608- 583-5544. This is along with Delta Kappa Gamma. This year we are providing the books for the classrooms and the video readers for the teachers to use. We can't go into the classrooms due to the virus at this time. Eileen sent for the books, put in the labels for the 2 organizations and saw that the packets of books are at Doudna School. She is getting readers and they will read on Zoom and record for use at Doudna plus the use of packets of books for each classroom this year. Chelsea is assisting with this as is Sharon Storms, President of Delta Kappa Gamma. Eileen will do the program for this school year.

Starting in the 2022 school year by a vote of the executive board Rachel Corey will take over most of Eileen's duties in this program. The books for the school and the readers will be ready for pick-up at the extension office. If the program falters in the future, Richland HCE will assume the organization of the reading program for Richland 6 classes of K/4.

Kathy Fanta has taken the position of photographer for the Executive Board activities in Richland County.

Scholarship applications will be due in April 2022. New rules were discussed and are for all Richland County residents and those with HCE family members living in other counties in Wisconsin. Our winner this year will have recognition placed in the area papers.

Our F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke is busy working from home in this epidemic, keeping all informed and assisting in many new ways of doing our activities. We are so proud of you.

For the holidays, we would like each member to "pass it forward", by doing some kind thing for another person or group. We are so blessed and able to do good in our communities, that we should share these blessings. Thanks. The clubs should bring ideas of helping the communities to the January meeting. Ideas will be voted on for the best and the president is giving a door prize to the best idea.

President Yvonne Chapman related that at the 2021 State Conference, Richland County was recognized for making the masks for protection from the virus. We won first place in the category of "Stitches of Love" and received a monetary award and a certificate.

Southwest District has the most members in HCE in the state. There are packets from the state available at the Extension office to use for lessons at the club meetings. New ones are on Exercise Habits and Intervention of your Health Needs.

There will be a T-shirt contest in the spring with the use of the H.C.E. logo. More on this later.

The next meeting will be December 7th at the UW-Platteville Richland East Hall. Motion to adjourn was made by President Yvonne Chapman and she adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Sincerely submitted by Secretary Eileen Eberle

HCE Executive Board Meeting December 7, 2021

The Richland County Executive Board met on Dec.7, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. by Zoom. Members present were Yvonne Chapman, Kathy Fanta, Cecile Haugh, Diane Dahlberg, and Chelsea Wunnicke.

Eileen Eberle, our secretary, was out of state so she sent by email the November Secretary minutes to all executive board members. Cecile Haugh gave the Treasurers report, \$2095.44 in checking. The expenses for the month were \$140.00 for Passages bags (\$35.00 donation from Eileen). Income for the month was \$35.00 from Eileen, \$100.00 from Stitches of Love project, \$10.00 from Eileen for a memorial, and 2-2021 membership dues from Bid Stowell and Carol Franke.

Info from the State conference held in Sept, 2021: Shirley Steinhorst is still our SW District Director.

The new WAHCE president for 2022/2024 is Eileen Gottbeheat. The Volunteer hours contributions for 2021 was \$739,522.83. Their were 6 Stitches of Love awards this year: 2 to Adams county,1 each for Richland, LaCrosse, Brown and Juneau counties. Our SW district won 3 medallions at the state conference they were Columbia - 1 for painting and 1 for knitting; Iowa county won for photography.

We talked about Chelsea's idea of checking into Project Linus for a service project maybe creating our own version of it. Yvonne brought up the idea of cancer hats or cancer port pillows. Club presidents will bring their ideas for a service project to January

meeting and the board will vote on them. Prizes for best idea will be supplied by Yvonne.

Yvonne will write article for newspaper about the check we received for winning the Stitches of Love contest. Cecile will write an article about the 40 bags filled with personal items, 20 pairs of mittens and several handmade scarves and hats to the women's shelter. Kathy sent the pictures to Jennie at Extension to include in these articles in the Herald and the Richland Observer newspaper.

Cecile delivered 20 pair of mittens she made to the Hillsboro elementary school.

The board decided to continue to have Jennie at Extension send out the HCE registrations and dues for 2022 since we are not having in person meetings. The member dues will be sent back to Jennie.

The 2022 scholarship will be \$500 for 1 student. The application must be in by April 1st. Cecile and Kathy will go over applications.

Diane volunteered to make more bags for passages for December 2022.

Yvonne asked everyone to keep track of service projects their club does so we can include them in next years Stitches of Love service awards.

Respectfully submitted for Eileen Eberle by Yvonne Chapman

<u>sw District</u> spring meeting

<u>When:</u> April 28, 2022

Hosts: Sauk County

<u>Where:</u> Blackhawk United Methodist Church

One Topic of discussion is the 2023 WAHCE State Conference hosted by the SW District!

See you there!

Sharing Expert Testimony at the Wisconsin State Capital

Written by Amy Mangan-Fischer

On March 1, Chelsea Wunnicke, Human Development and Relationships Educator Richland County, and Jenny Abel, Financial Security Outreach Program Manager, presented expert testimony on universal savings accounts for all children. Wunnicke and Abel shared research-based context at the public hearing for the <u>2021 Senate Bill</u> <u>947</u>. The public hearing is with the <u>Assembly Committee on Ways and Means</u> at the state capitol.

Wunnicke and Abel will be representing Youth Forward Wisconsin, a team of University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Educators from across the state and across four institutes, who have been researching the potential impacts of universal child savings accounts for over two years. Youth Forward Wisconsin has been working with partners like public schools, health systems, businesses, and philanthropies interested in bringing universal child savings accounts to their communities.

Research has shown that children with between \$1 and \$499 in college savings are three times more likely to attend college, four times more likely to graduate college and do better in high school. Other benefits of universal child saving accounts could include decrease educational disparities, increase workforce readiness, improve family financial wellbeing and attract and retain young families to the benefit of the local economy.



To learn more about Youth Forward Wisconsin, visit <u>https://finances.extension.wisc.edu/topics/youth-forward-wisconsin/.</u> Chelsea Wunnicke and Jenny Abel can be contacted via email at chelsea.wunnicke@wisc.edu and jenny.abel@wisc.edu.

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