



DISPATCH



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Mission Statement for Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education HCE offers opportunities for:

- *Learning in a social setting,*
- *Sharing what we learn, and*
- *Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities, and the world.*



DISPATCH ASSEMBLY

Dispatch assembly for the **May 2015** issue will be Town & Country. Contact the UW-Extension Office at 715-395-1363 before **April 20th** to arrange the date and time for assembly.

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 the UW-Extension Office at
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DISPATCH ARTICLES DUE DATE

Dispatch articles are **due the 15th** of the month. When emailing your articles, please send them as an attachment.

Please mail or email them to:

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From the Board,

Happy Spring, at least it was last week. I earned 7 points sweeping my driveway for "On the Move and in the Groove" yesterday. And more important, I could get out of bed this morning.

April 25th is Craft Day. Town & Country is hosting and we will have our salad bar lunch again this year. Hopefully we will see all of you there. Don't forget the Cultural Arts Contest. Please bring your entries by 9:30 so they can be set up for judging.

April 23 is the Northwest District Meeting in Siren. It is hosted by Burnett and Bayfield counties. The program sounds very interesting. I am driving down and I can take three more in my car. Let me know if you want to attend. They had no deadline registration date on their form, but I think early April would be ok.

See you at Craft Day!

Cheryl McCuskey



HCE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2015 – Superior Public Library

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

The meeting was opened at 2:00 p.m. by
President Cheryl McCuskey with the Creed

Secretary's Report: Jo Mersnick- The Secre-
tary's Report was approved and placed on
file.

Correspondence: none

Treasurer's Report: Bobbi Kloss - No report

Sunshine: No report

Dispatch: Due: March 15, 2015

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VP Programming and Community Outreach:
Linda Williams – Remember to work the “On
the Move and in the Groove” program. Pro-
gram planning for 2016 will be next month.

Cultural Arts- Mary Ann Gronquist is looking
for a good turnout of cultural arts.

International: Christa Williams-Clements is
writing the articles. Plans are progressing.

Membership/Marketing: Sue Hendrickson –
Everything running smoothly.

Scholarship: No chairperson yet. Linda
Williams is filling in.

WI Bookworms™ - Sue Hendrickson – Every-
thing running smoothly. RSVP doing a great
job.

Family Living Educator: Interviews are pro-
gressing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Quilt-a-thon – Remember March 26, 2015.
Please come and help. Sue Hendrickson will
be sending Quilt-A-Thon posters to all inde-
pendent members. All clubs received posters
at the Board Meeting.

Craft Day: All planned. Salad Bar Lunch.
Hilltoppers will bring a.m. goodies, Merry
Mates will bring p.m. desserts. Silent Auc-
tion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scrapbooks: Mary Ann Gronquist is looking
for scrapbooks to work on preserving
DCAHCE history.

**Sue Hendrickson moved and Linda
Williams seconded a motion to reimburse
Mary Ann Gronquist for scrapbooks
purchased. Passed.**

Meeting closed with the HCE prayer at 2:55
p.m.

Minutes submitted for approval
by Jo Mersnick



HCE BROCHURE

Please pass the brochure, included in this month's Dispatch, on to a friend who might be interested in the great things we do!

Thanks!--Sue Hendrickson,
Marketing and Membership Chair

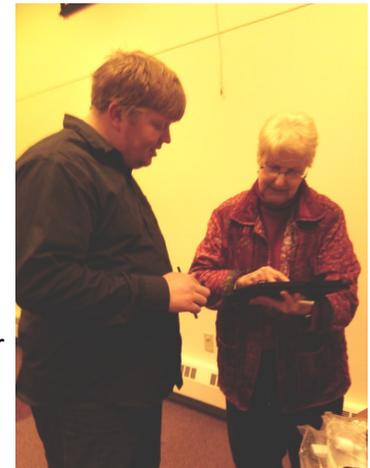
QUILTATHON

By the time you receive your Dispatch for April the 2015 Quiltathon will be a pleasant memory. Thank you to all who helped and/or donated, especially the Hilltoppers who facilitated the event. Thanks also to our commercial sponsors: Mariner Retail and Business Center, the Country Schoolhouse, Fabric Works, Walmart, and Super One of Superior; The Little Gift House of Solon Springs; and Kelly J's Sewing Center and Hanna Johnson Fabrics of Duluth. Thank them personally by shopping there and say "thanks."

Sue Hendrickson, Hilltoppers

Having Trouble with Technology...Big Hit

Great turnout for the technology program with 25 participants--had to go for more chairs twice! And they were mostly community members with LOTS of questions for Jesse Murray from Radio Shack, Superior. (He is pictured with one of the participants.) The program consisted of a few opening remarks, lots of questions about devices they had brought, and learning from each other too! Folks seemed happy about the session and many wanted a repeat next year.



Ten things I learned:

- 1--If your device is acting up, do a HARD shutdown by holding down the power button.
- 2--Pulling the battery out may also solve problems.
- 3--Don't be afraid to try things. You can always "arrow back" to where you were. You CAN'T break it.
- 4--The CLOUD is storage space not on your device but accessible to it.
- 5--APP is short for application and is a small program.
- 6--A ZIP drive is a small memory device that goes in a USB port for saving documents etc. on.
- 7--An external drive is also separate from your device but has a much larger memory. Both are good backups for information that you want to keep safe.
- 8--Android devices are different from Apple devices just like PCs differ from Apple computers. (Jesse said Android and Apple are like roller coasters and race cars...both are fast and fun but Apple devices have only one way to do operations and are easier to learn on, but Androids have many ways to do the same operation and are more challenging to learn.
- 9--The Superior Library has Nooks and Kindles to borrow and read books on.
- 10--An e-reader can hold a whole library of books!

A special thanks to Mary Ann Gronquist for the lovely treats she sent for the program; our guests were really pleased!

Submitted by, Sue Hendrickson,
Marketing and Membership Chair



Illie Markon of South Range, a long-time HCE member, displays her 2014 winning quilt. (Submitted photo)

HCE holds annual quiltathon

It's March and time for the annual HCE Quiltathon.

The Mariner Retail and Business Center, Superior, hosts the event 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 27.

Home and Community Education members lead community volunteers in completing about 50 quilts in a day. Eventually around 100 children's quilts are donated each year to Twin Ports organizations that support kids in crisis. All are welcome to attend; bring scis-

sors, juvenile fabrics, flannel, batting, completed (at least 36"x 36") or incomplete quilts if you have them; otherwise all needed items will be supplied.

Supplies are donated by Country Schoolhouse, Fabric Works, Hanna Johnson Fabrics, Kelly J's Sewing Center, Mariner Retail and Business Center, Super One, Wal-Mart; and the Little Gift House in Solon Springs. Additional supplies are purchased with the proceeds of an annual quilt raffle.

Illie Markon displays her 2014 winning quilt at annual 2015 Quiltathon

**Please change your membership list information for Independent Member Pat Wermter: new address and phone--
PO Box 323, Lake Nebagamon, WI 54849 and 218-428-5732**



**PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2016
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 12:30 p.m. in the Library.**

This will be our annual “brainstorming” session where we put down ideas and suggestions for next year. All suggestions and ideas for programs, education, community outreach, craft day, etc. All ideas and suggestions will be considered and placed on a survey for voting toward the end of the spring of this year. Bring your ideas to the Program Planning Ideas session on April 2 at 12:30. Each club is to send one representative.

Linda Williams,
VP Programming and Community Outreach

SHORT –TERM SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the DCHCE Short-Term Scholarships are due May 1st. Contact Linda Williams for an application form. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications. The Short-Term Scholarships are available four times per year. Deadlines are: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

Linda Williams,
Acting Scholarship Committee Chair**

****We are still in need of a chairperson for this committee!**

Cultural Arts Entries

Just a reminder to bring your Cultural Arts entries in on April 25 no later than 9:30 a.m. .

**Mariann Gronquist
Co-cultural Arts Chair**



Craft Day

Get your craftiness revved up! Plan to meet us on Saturday, April 25 at Peace Lutheran Church for some fun! There will be opportunities for fun and crafting for all

Registration form included in this month's *Dispatch*, so get ready to sign up and have fun!

Plus continue working on your item for the Cultural Arts contest ~ judging for items from Douglas County artists to go to the state competition in September will happen here!

Donna Bergsten
Town & Country HCE

India – Mumbai

Mumbai is the capital city of the Indian state of Maharashtra and is made up of seven islands. “During the mid-18th century, Bombay was reshaped by the Hornby Vellard project, which undertook reclamation of the area between the seven islands from the sea. Along with construction of major roads and railways, the reclamation project, completed in 1845, transformed Bombay into a major seaport on the Arabian Sea.” (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai>)

The Hornby Vellard project was an effort to unite all seven islands into one by building a causeway, a road or railway elevated. The project started in 1782 and was complete with all islands being linked in 1838. It is India’s largest city with 13 million inhabitants. The population is projected to increase to 28 million by 2020. Mumbai is on the west coast of India and has a “deep natural harbor”. (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai>) The city is also home to the largest number of millionaires and billionaires than any other area in India. Mumbai experiences a tropical wet and dry climate with seven months of dryness and monsoon season from June to November. The average annual rainfall is approximately 97 inches in the sub-urbs.



Other interesting facts about Mumbai are according to National Geographic online:

- Each day in Mumbai, more than 200 trains make over 2,000 trips along 300 kilometers of track,
- Mumbai's trains carry approximately six million people per day— which is equivalent to the entire population of Israel.
- Mumbai trains were built to hold 1700 passengers, but they often carry three times that number, Mumbai offers one of the world's few rail lines exclusively for women—the Ladies Special.
- Every year in Mumbai, 3500 people die on the train tracks—an average of ten per day.
- “Mumbai trains carry 200,000 custom-made lunches every day, delivered around the city by 5,000 white-garbed couriers called dabbahwallahs. Perhaps the world's only large-scale delivery system that works without any documents, most dabbahwallahs can't read and instead use an efficient coding system of colours, numbers, and letters.” (www.natgeotv.com)
- “The dabbahwallahs' century-old delivery system is recognized as one of the best managed supply chains in the world. Forbes magazine awarded the system its highest rating, Sigma Six—a rating shared with corporate giants like General Electric and Motorola, signifying less than one error per one million transactions. (www.natgeotv.com)
- Engineers are working to construct an eight-lane bridge which will extend traffic approximately 2.5 miles over the sea. The bridge segments weigh between 120-140 tons each. The bridge will weigh 340,000 tons, which is the weight of seven Titans.



Mumbai's 8 lane bridge



Submitted by Christa Williams-Clements

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mumbai#Geography>

www.natgeotv.com

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

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April 25 9:30-3pm

Craft Day
Town and Country

Peace Lutheran, Poplar

April 23

NW District Spring Meeting
Siren

April 3

Courthouse Closed Spring Holiday

1:30pm

Board Meeting
Library

April 2 12:30pm

Program Planning: ideas
Vice-president
Library

Douglas County UWEX
1313 Belknap Street
Courthouse Room 107
Superior, WI 54880

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