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Dear Friends,

La Crosse County UW-Extension is excited and pleased to announce the addition of two Educators.

Kaitlyn Lance is the new Agriculture Educator. Kaitlyn comes to La Crosse with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Wisconsin River Falls. Prior to accepting this position, Kaitlyn was serving as the Agriculture Instructor, at Plum City School District. She worked as a summer Horticulture educator intern for Lincoln County Extension. Kaitlyn began her work with the County on January 22.

Emily Crook is the new Youth and Family Educator for the La Crosse County 4-H Program. Emily comes to La Crosse with a Bachelor of Science degree in English from Viterbo University and a Masters degree in Education-Student Affairs and Administration from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Prior to accepting this position, Emily served as a Recruitment and Membership Specialist with the Girl Scouts of Badgerland Council. She also worked as a Secretary in the UW-Extension Office. Emily began her work in her new position on January 10.

Let's extend a warm welcome to them.

Sincerely,

Vicky Kast

Vicky Kast
Office Supervisor

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Executive Committee

President's Message

Now that you have had a chance to review the 2018 LAHCE Program Handbook, you will see there are opportunities for growth, for giving, and for your enjoyment. There is strong commitment from the board members to make this a pleasant and fulfilling year for our 36 members.

The Program Committee is excited about the event they have planned for March 13, and is collaborating with the Membership Committee to recruit new members at the same time. In February the Cultural and Textile Arts Committee is asking our membership to extend a helping hand in a project day. To embellish on these opportunities I encourage you to carefully read the committee reports in this newsletter.

The West District Spring Meeting will be in Wisconsin Rapids on April 23rd. Details of the agenda and registration are in this newsletter. This is an opportunity to get ideas from other counties as well as supporting the causes of HCE.

Although La Crosse County does not have a Family Living Agent at this time, we have been reassured by the County Extension Office that the services they have provided in the past will continue, such as this newsletter. For this we are grateful!



Lois Hess
LAHCE President

Membership & Marketing

At the recent executive board meeting, a new member application form was distributed to the club presidents. These will also be used for any marketing events with the hopes of obtaining new members.

My goals for the year were explained and I will be moving forward with the plans for these. The educational program in March will be advertised through different media, including local newspapers and posters displayed around the area.

Our state organization is again having a competition among the counties with awards being presented at the state conference for those who have recruited the most members.

We need to all work together as an organization to try and increase membership, by talking to friends and family about HCE and what we do in the community.

Sheryl Smith
Membership & Marketing Coordinator

Committee Reports

Services of Love

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!! On February 26th at Hamilton Town Hall in West Salem at 1 p.m. to work on our county's "Services of Love" project. This year's project will be making reusable Feminine Pads for women living in the poor and rural villages of Guatemala. We will be working with an organization called HELPS International. Our contact person there visits Guatemala several times a year and realized the need for the feminine pads when she observed the women using newspapers for that purpose. We will need sewing machines, thread, several irons, scissors, pins and flannel fabric scraps. You can help, even if you do not sew!

I hope you are all busy working on your entries for the 2018 Cultural & Textile Arts Show. This year's Banquet will be combined with the Spring meeting and will be held on April 30. This year's Bonus Category is "Spring Into Action". Create a display of your choice using any media. Size restriction – base no larger than 10" x 10" with maximum height of 20". Winner will be chosen by those attending the banquet. All other entries will be judged at that time, and those receiving blue ribbons will be eligible for entry at the state level. More details will follow in the March newsletter.

Also, mark your calendars for May 14. You will have the opportunity to learn to make beautiful greeting cards using the "Iris Folding" method. Joan Berg, a member of Table Rock Club, has agreed to be our instructor. More information in next month's newsletter.

I have received several suggestions for other projects, and am always looking for more. Please let me know what your interests are, and I will do my best to accommodate. Happy crafting and creating!

Laura Ira
Cultural Arts Chairperson

WI Partners with Nicaragua

We are asked to continue our support of Nicaragua by the donation of sewing items. Three to four yards of cotton fabric, light weight denim or duck nations thread, pins, needles, scissors, yarn, embroidery floss, zippers, buttons, etc. Patterns and books for sewing, knitting, quilting, etc. or money can be donated towards purchases of sewing machines.



Leah Bork
International Coordinator

Committee Reports

Educational Program

Our Tuesday, March 13th program will be with Celebrity Guest Baker, Jen Barney, at 1:30 p.m. at the Holland Town Hall in Holmen.

Come and meet Jen, the recent winner of the Holiday Baking Championship and owner of Meringue Bakery. Jen will share her experiences that led up to her baking career, how she was selected for the T.V. show and what it was like to be on the set. Jen will also share how her life has changed since winning the grand prize.

Should you wish to order any of Jen's specialties, she would be happy to deliver them the day of the program. She can be reached at 608-780-3982 or www.meringuecakes.com.



Nancy Kuczynski
Program Coordinator

Haiti Learning Center

It is suggested we collect 25 cents per person this year to support classes in the "Learning Center". Adult women in Haiti have almost no opportunities to learn and there are many things they could learn to better the health and well being of their families. After their classes, they go out and teach other women. I am hoping to find out later, as to what classes they are having and how it will help these women. Mark your donations "25 cent project" if you give to this project.

Leah Bork
International Coordinator

Rambling Memories

I've been watching advertisements on TV for storage. Everything is so neat, with many containers, all packed so perfect. One ad had shelves close to the garage ceiling and totes stacked on these shelves. The garage ceiling was very high.

I am sure there are many people who do have everything just so and then there are those people who would like to have everything clean and neat. But wanting and getting it done are two different things.

Every year, I eliminate and there is still a lot left. The shelves in the basement fruit cellar, years ago, were full of canning (we had eight around the table). Now they have this and that on them. Oh well... next year?

Shirley Dummer

HCE West District Meeting

DATE: Monday, April 23, 2018
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: First Congregational Church
311 2nd St S, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

COST: \$11

SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Welcome and Business Meeting
10:30 a.m. *History of Cranberries*
Phil Brown
11:45 a.m. Lunch (Soup, ham or turkey sandwich, dessert, coffee, tea, milk, water)
12:30 p.m. Scott Borgman - Author from Pittsville
1:15 p.m. Ruby Reds Presentation
1:30 p.m. Craft project for 2018 NVON gift bags
Jane Grabarski
2:00 p.m. nEXT Generation status update
Jason Hausler, Area Extension Director
2:30 p.m. Invitation to the Fall 2018 West District Meeting, Wrap-up and Drawing for door prizes

HCE West District Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2018
Registration

NAME(S) _____

COUNTY _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Cost is \$11 and includes morning refreshments and lunch.

_____ Members Attending x \$11= _____

Make checks payable to **LAHCE** and send to:

LAHCE Treasurer
Wanda Rogers
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West Salem, WI 54669



Please RSVP by March 19, 2018
Registrations are transferable but not refundable.

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