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## President's Message

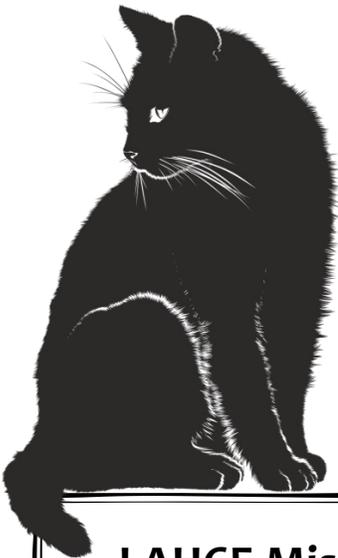
Here we are in glorious autumn! For HCE members that means we will have another opportunity to interact with each other at our Fall Annual Meeting on October 15th.

The business meeting will include approval of the budget for next year, the triennial revision of the bylaws, reports from the standing committees, and election of county officers. Those who attended the state conference in Pewaukee last month will give their report. We will be especially interested in knowing how our county members cultural arts entries were rated. There will be a report from our members who attended the West District Meeting the week preceding our meeting.

For those of you who have been members for some time, you will recall that our organization sends sewing supplies to Nicaragua. Our county international chair has made arrangements to have the West District International Chair speak to us about her personal experiences while in Nicaragua visiting the sewing centers, the destination of our donations. This will be after the business meeting, and before we have refreshments which will be hosted by volunteer board members.

It is our hope that after you have participated in the business meeting, heard the reports from the district and state, and interacted with other county members, you will be charged up to think about and identify your contribution to **Home and Community Education**.

*Lois M. Hess*  
LAHCE President



### LAHCE Mission Statement

La Crosse County Association for Home and Community Education strives:

- TO promote and strengthen the family unit;
- TO provide opportunities of self-education for development of potential abilities;
- TO better serve and improve home and community life.

### UW-Extension-Activities Line

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## Executive Committee

### Membership and Marketing Report

“The responsibility of leadership is not to come up with all the ideas. The responsibility of leadership is to create an environment in which great ideas can thrive.” - Simon Sinek

This was shared at the membership workshop at HCE State Conference. I think this summarizes the principle behind HCE. We all need to work together to come up with ideas to help our organization stay alive, and help to initiate these ideas.

Decreased membership is something that is being seen statewide. In our discussion we talked about the fact that when you say HCE, many women do not know what that is, when you say homemakers, they do. Although most believe it is just a bunch of women sharing recipes and sewing tips. Our goal is to educate the members of our community as to what we really do. I welcome any ideas to help with marketing HCE to try and increase membership.

October is the month that our yearly dues are paid, so what better time to recruit new members. Invite prospects to the fall meeting so they can learn more about HCE, and hand them a membership application afterwards, you never know what may happen.

*Sheryl Smith*  
Membership & Marketing

## Education Programs

### Annual Fall Meeting

Please join us at the Annual Fall Meeting on October 15 at 1:15 p.m. The meeting is held in West Salem at the Hamilton Town Hall. We will have a guest speaker, Eileen Gottbeheat speak on her trip to Nicaragua after our business meeting.

*Nancy Kuczynski*  
Education Program Coordinator



## Committee Reports

### Nomination Committee Report

The following members have agreed to accept the nominations for the offices that need to be filled.

Treasurer---Wanda Rogers

Secretary---Sheryl Smith

President-elect---Cathy Onsager

Nominations from the floor will also be entertained at the Fall Meeting in October.

*Sheryl Smith*  
Nomination Committee Chair



### Correction!

We want to correct the location for the 2018 West District HCE Fall Meeting. The event will be held at the **Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church** located at **1650 Church St, Arkdale, WI** and not the Arcadia address that was listed in the September Newsletter. We apologize for the error on our part.

# Committee Reports

## Cultural & Textile Arts Report



Having just returned from the WAHCE Annual Conference in Pewaukee, WI, I have much information to share with you. First of all, the conference was great, and an event every member should attend at least one

time – even if just to view the Cultural & Textile Arts display. It always amazes me the amount of talent our Wisconsin HCE members have. Statistically this year, there were 399 entries from 38 different counties. La Crosse County received seven blue ribbons and 5 red ribbons. This is awesome, as you are competing against the “best of the best”!!

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated. The Cultural Arts Quilt Raffle included 18 items this year, and brought in a total of \$1,048.00. This money is used to defray costs of next year’s Cultural Arts set-up and display. There were two People’s Choice Awards. One was a beautiful mosaic rooster picture, and the other a four seasons counted cross-stitch picture. Both were very deserving. This was my first experience helping with the set-up, judging and take-down of the display. State committee chair, Linda Sutherland, was very organized and capable so things went very smoothly. It was a lot of work, but a great learning opportunity.



As I hinted in last month’s newsletter, Table Rock Club (with Sheryl Smith’s assistance) will host an informal, fun get-together to make a very simple and attractive Christmas snowman ornament/pin. Details are:

**Date:** October 29, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Trinity United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, W4888 Harvest Ln, La Crosse, along Hwy 14 between La Crosse and Coon Valley. There are no steps and it is handicap accessible.

**Refreshments:** Light lunch provided by Table Rock Club members.

**Cost:** No charge—a free-will offering will be collected to defray expenses.

Send your RSVP to Laura Ira at [Lmira@live.com](mailto:Lmira@live.com) or home: 608-786-4749 or cell: 608-498-2953

Now, it’s time to start planning your project for next year’s cultural arts entries. Happy crafting and creating.

*Laura Ira*

*Cultural & Textile Arts Coordinator*



## Rambling Memories



I’m not anxious for cold weather and snow...so... guess I had better enjoy the season of “fall”. This includes apple pie and apples with all that caramel dripping over it and covered with chopped nuts. Don’t forget to have a slice of pumpkin pie along with a cup of coffee, sounds yummy to me! An apple muffin makes a wonderful breakfast, or at least I think so. And the first hint of cold weather brings on a kettle of steaming hot chili.

Yes, fall has arrived!

*Shirley Dummer*

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## October Calendar of Events

- 8 HCE West District Fall Meeting**, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church, Arkdale, WI
- 15 LAHCE Fall Annual Meeting**, 1:15 p.m., Hamilton Town Hall, West Salem