



September '18

X Crosse County News X

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the last of summer's pleasures.

Since a few of you have inquired about the status of our vacant Family Living position, we thought we'd give you an update. During the summer, County Administration has worked with the State's Area Extension Director (AED) on job responsibilities and finalizing the position description. A few weeks ago we were given the approval to advertise the position. We've had a good response to the advertisement, and now the AED and two other program specialists are reviewing the applications and will do the initial interviews. Final interviews are scheduled in late September and we look forward to having someone on board before the end of the year.

Along with the State's reorganization plan, comes the change of program area names and position titles. Instead of Family Living Agent, the position will be called the Human Development and Relationships Educator. The responsibilities will basically remain the same with the initial program focus on parenting & relationship education, financial security education and building community capacity to address needs that affect families countywide.

Stay tuned for the announcement of our new
Human Development and Relationships Educator!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicky Kast".

Vicky Kast
Office Supervisor



Executive Committee

President's Message

Taking a look at where we are in the organizational year, this is my midyear report on the status of our organization. You are fortunate to have a progressive, dedicated executive board who work together well. This makes it a positive experience for those in leadership, and hopefully the effect is evident to the membership.

Some new ideas were tried this year, such as combining the spring annual meeting with the banquet/cultural arts exhibit and an education program. This was well attended with positive feedback for continuation of this concept in the future. The idea of eliminating Center Chairs was tried, and this seems to be working well with reassignment of responsibilities. Our organization does not have enough members to justify the size of the executive board of the past.

There has been an increase in membership. At the same time we have lost a few long time members as life takes its course, nonetheless there is an increase in the actual number. The credit for this goes to our membership coordinator and the individual members who extended the personal invitation. To our members, old and new, think about how your assets can further the cause of HCE and share this with your club president.

As we approach the fall of the year, some members are making plans for attending the state conference in Pewaukee. They will be taking entries for the cultural arts contest, and represent our organization at the various events of the conference. Their time and dedication to represent LAHCE is much appreciated, and we await their report at our Fall Annual Meeting in October.

With the school year about to start, Wisconsin Bookworms in getting geared up to start. Meanwhile, committees are at work doing the triennial review of our bylaws, and looking for nominees for open positions on the 2018 executive board.

And the good news is, the County Extension Office has informed us that recruitment is in process to fill the Family Living Agent position.

Lois Hess
LAHCE President



West District Meeting

2018 West District HCE Fall Meeting

MONDAY, OCT. 8, 2018
Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church
1650 Church St, Arkdale, WI

- 9:00 a.m.** Registration with morning refreshments
- 9:30 a.m.** Welcome
- 9:35 a.m.** Program—Quilt Trunk Show
- 11:00 a.m.** Business Meeting
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch
- 12:45 p.m.** HCE Water Filter Project
- 1:00 p.m.** Breakout Sessions:
Treasurer—Judy Bender
Cultural Arts—Sheryl Smith
International—Eileen Gottbeheat
Membership/Marketing—Louise Buchholz
Wisconsin Bookworms—Bernie Arena
- 2:00 p.m.** Invitation to the Spring West District Meeting from Buffalo County/wrap-up and drawing for door prizes!

Registration is due by **Monday, Sept. 17, 2018.**
Cost is \$12 per person.

HCE West District Fall Meeting MONDAY, OCT. 8 2018

Arkdale Trinity Lutheran Church
1650 Church St, Arkdale, WI 54613

REGISTRATION DUE: SEPT 17, 2018

NAME: _____

COUNTRY: _____

PHONE or EMAIL: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ X \$12 = _____

*All registrations are non-refundable, only transferable.

Please make checks payable to **LAHCE** and mail to:
Wanda Rogers, LAHCE Treasurer
800 West Ave N Lot AA, West Salem, WI 54669

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Current

CONSTITUTION OF LA CROSSE COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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* Work with Newsletter editor and Historian;

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* Submit reports and articles to "Crosse County News".
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Proposed

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LA CROSSE COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF THE LAHCE CLUBS

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STANDING RULES AND REGULATIONS LA CROSSE COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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2019	Happy Hollanders Amsterdam Prairie	2019	Table Rock Union Mills

- B. If any club has two people share the position (co-chair), they have but one vote.
- C. Center Chairs take office January 1. It is a two-year term.

IV. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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Banquet

2016 North
2017 South
2018 North

Spring Meeting

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Fall Meeting

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Fall Meeting

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Banquet/Spring Annual Meeting

2019 Table Rock
2020 Little Barre
2021 Burr Oak, Union Mills,
and Members at Large
2022 Happy Hollanders

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UPDATED --- October 2018



LAHCE 2019 Proposed Operating Budget

INCOME

Dues - 41 members @ \$15.00 each.....	\$615.00
Member Donations.....	\$257.00
Undesignated Reserves.....	\$48.00
From Scholarship Account.....	\$150.00
From Bookworm Account.....	\$6,800.00

TOTAL INCOME\$7,870.00

EXPENSES

State Dues: 41 @ \$5.00.....	\$205.00
District Dues: 41 @ \$1.00.....	\$41.00
Update Subscriptions: 8 @ \$8.00.....	\$64.00
WAHCE Conference.....	\$300.00
Family and Community Life.....	\$25.00
Education Programs.....	\$25.00
Membership & Marketing.....	\$25.00
Cultural Arts.....	\$25.00
Rent.....	\$100.00
Program Books.....	\$70.00
Miscellaneous (Postage, Supplies, etc).....	\$40.00
Books for Wisconsin Bookworm™.....	\$6,648.00
Wisconsin Bookworm™ Bookplates.....	\$152.00
Scholarship WAHCE Conference.....	\$150.00

TOTAL EXPENSES\$7,870.00

The Executive Board approved the 2019 proposed budget to be presented to the club voting delegates at the fall annual meeting.

Wanda Rogers
Chair

International News

Reminder: Any clubs donating sewing items for Partners with Nicaragua Sewing Center, please call me at 608-781-5464 by September 30, 2018, so I can get them collected to pass on to the West District Coordinator in October.

Leah Bork

International Coordinator



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Cultural & Textile Arts Report

Here we are in September already! Where did the summer go? Well, a number of our members in La Crosse County worked diligently on our “Stitches of Love” Sanitary Pad Project. I am happy to report we have completed that project. My husband and I met Carolyn Boehne of Trempealeau County (our official go-between with the person from Eau Claire who will take the pads to Guatemala) in Arcadia on July 12. We delivered 193 completed sets of one shield and liner, along with 179 extra liners at that time.

The 12 blue ribbon entries chosen to go to the WAHCE Annual Conference in September have been registered and I will be taking them with me to the conference at Pewaukee. All the entries were so beautiful and well done; it was really hard to pick just twelve. We have so much talent in our county. Thank you all for your willingness to share.



Would you like to enjoy a couple hours of fun, fellowship and creativity with your HCE friends? If so, mark your calendars for October 29!! The Table Rock Club will be hosting an informal get together to make a very simple and attractive Christmas project, followed by refreshments. More details will follow in the October newsletter.

Keep on crafting and creating!

Laura Ira

Cultural & Textile Arts Coordinator

Rambling Memories



The time of the year has arrived when mums and fall asters start blooming. It is also time to start picking fall raspberries. When you go shopping, don't forget to pick up a bag of tulip or daffodil bulbs so you have those beautiful blooms greet you in the spring, after we have all the cold weather behind us. If you happen to have a lot of squirrels, don't bother with tulip bulbs. Squirrels, like, no love, those bulbs, yummy eating for them!

To me, the coming of September, means the fall season is here once again. Take time to enjoy it.

Shirley Dummer

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.

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La Crosse, WI 54601

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September Calendar of Events

- 4 Labor Day**, County Offices Closed
- 10 Executive Board Meeting**, 1:15 p.m., Hamilton Town Hall
- 17 West District HCE Fall Meeting**, Registrations Due
- 17-19 WAHCE State Conference**, Pewaukee, WI

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