

Alpha Omega Chapter's News from the La Crosse Area



Hixon House at 429 7th Street
(built in 1858 by pioneer Gideon C. Hixon)



Perpetual Adoration Chapel 701 Franciscan Way (built in 1878 and with a bishop's blessing on August 1, of that year, it has been the site of 24/7 prayer since 1878 as part of the Franciscan Sisters St Rose Covenant. This chapel wasn't destroyed with the parts of the covenant building destroyed by a fire in 1924 and reconstructed in 1924)



Annual Rummage Sale May 14,15,16 : It didn't feel like it was as successful as previous years, but happily we made our goal of \$500.00 for local UWL\WTC\VITERBO student educator scholarships! (We DID make a little over \$650)

Hixon House Tea and St Rose Tour -June 10th, 2026

One major, ongoing goal Barb Albrechtson, (President of Alpha Omega Chapter for the last 6 yrs.) has had, is to create camaraderie between the chapters in our West Central Area of the state. She year she began inviting one of our sister chapters to a fun meeting activity. Event adventures included a special speakers, touring Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center, or going on a Mississippi River Paddle Boat cruise. This year, once again achieving this goal, Barb and fellow chapter members that dedicate their time volunteering at Hixon House, organized and served a morning VICTORIAN-STYLE TEA and invited every chapter in our region. Images below show the "vintage layout", including a later tour of the downstairs. This was followed by a tour of St. Rose Chapel which resembles churches in Europe. It was truly a fun day making new friendships. They also would have had lunch together, but a weather alert was forecast for that afternoon, immediately sending home our sisters from Richland Center to avoid possible extreme travel conditions.

The day was well worth it, since we were able to get to know each other better!



Extraordinary Women campaign this spring, we are helping to create a safer, more accessible, and more broadly interpreted Hixon House site.

(left to right):

Denise Christy,
Barb Albrechtson,
Carol Nelson-Britten,
Kathy Fuss and
Mary Ann Gschwind



At our April Mtg. We had induction of our new officers:
(left to right): Lois Holper/Treasurer, Roxanne Fox/Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Fuss/Recording Secretary, Kathy Dressler/Vice-President, Joann Zigler/President and Barb Albrechtson outgoing President presiding over the ceremony.



YES! A big deal! Thanks to the encouraging work of Barb Albrechtson our President these last 6 years, we earned a Membership Growth award. Educators in our community have been inspired to join. We have become a better and stronger organization with these women with many new PASSIONS and TALENTS to add to ours.

- an ONGOING thank you Barb, since you are now beginning as the new State Membership Committee Chairperson!

Our very own, **Denise Christy Moss**

was written up with other LaCrosse area women in a summer issue of **Coulee Region Women AREA HOME AND HEALTHY LIVING MAGAZINE-June/July 2026 Issue!**

From Baby Boomers to Gen Z Generations: Area Women reflect on generational expectations, opportunities and what they love about right now.

(article excerpt) "Having the TIME of her LIFE, Denise Christy Moss, 74, a Cleveland, Ohio native spent her career teaching English, speech and theater in Milwaukee. She moved to Onalaska in 2014. In 2018, Denise combined her husband's family heritage as one of the original African American families in the region with her background in theater to co-found the Enduring Families Project, re-enacting the lives of those early settlers. She also is active in several singing groups in the community and with the La Crosse Area Retired Association and the American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch".

