

## **FORT HARROD AREA EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

Counties in Fort Harrod Area: Anderson, Boyle, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Mercer, Lincoln, and Woodford.

Fort Harrod Area has worked hard to increase membership and awareness of the entire extension program and specifically, extension homemakers. I'm happy to say our area had a membership increase. I'm very proud that all counties in the Fort Harrod Area received the 100% Ovarian Cancer Award, and three of our counties over 100%. Some of the highlights of the year are as follows:

Anderson: Increased membership. Members held a birthday party each month, as well as a Christmas party for a local nursing home, complete with goodie bags at each event. Made and sent over 150 pillowcases to Puerto Rico after they were devastated by a hurricane. Made and filled Christmas stockings for the senior citizen center to distribute to shut-ins, hosted a home craft and garden fair. Enjoyed fellowship and cultural enrichment through a trip to Derby Dinner Playhouse. Drew in the public with a number of "Craft Attacks".

Boyle: Increased membership. A sizeable donation of fabric enabled them to have a very successful fabric sale. As a result they were able to present a \$1000 scholarship and make donations to Perryville Elementary, a neighborhood, Hospice, and six other organizations. They also donated blankets and money to Camp Horsin' Around. Had a record number of entries in their cultural arts contest and celebrated Homemaker Week with a tasting party and three classes that drew in many new faces. They offer classes monthly and had five the first week of December.

Jessamine: Increased membership (largest in area, over 20 new members). Presented two high school graduates with scholarships, as well as a number of 4-H scholarships. Made pillowcases for several camps for children with medical issues. Sponsored families at Christmas and made treats and cards at Easter for the 150+ residents of Thomson-Hood Veterans Center. Combined international event with the county annual meeting with speaker, meal and displays on Ireland. Boasts first place winner of cultural arts memoirs contest and winner of cultural arts viewers choice award.

Lincoln: In addition to mailbox members, 8 clubs and 6 special interest clubs, they have a club in the Philippines. Hosted an Ovarian Cancer Tea to raise funds for ovarian cancer research, earning second place award in Ovarian Cancer Fundraising contest. Collect hats, scarves, gloves and toiletry items for nursing home. Joined forces with neighboring county to host a day of holiday crafts, foods and decorating ideas. Funds raised from an international event went to purchase school supplies for children in the Philippines. Participate in school backpack program, water filters, parade/festival, gave out 41

food baskets over the holidays, and have monthly Lunch and Learn programs. Second place winner of the 4-H Youth Development award and third place International Clean Water and Sanitation award.

Mercer: Had over 1000 exhibits in their Floral Hall, held an ice cream social for members countywide to get to know each other better, furthered cultural enrichment with a trip to Louisville Stoneware and Hadley Pottery. Had an open house at Christmas and back to school, and provided free activities for attendees, such as cookie decorating and card making. Hosted Fort Harrod Area craft camp held each year in Jabez.

Woodford: Increased membership. Provided over 300 backpacks to less fortunate children by raising funds and collecting school supplies in partnership with local school family resource centers, and involving entire community. Over 300 kids shopped at the Secret Santa Craft Sale, items priced between 25cents and \$3. Proceeds went to a variety of community service and philanthropic purposes, funds earned from refreshments went into scholarship fund. Gave 50 gift bags of personal and household items to senior citizens at a holiday gathering. Donated to food pantry. Hosted appreciation luncheon for first responders.