

## **Louisville Area President's Report**

***July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019***

The Louisville Area Homemakers are made up of the following seven counties, Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble. Each county contributes to various organization for food banks, school supplies, clothing for the homeless and those in need in their county, teaching sewing, cooking, gardening, preserving of keepsakes, sponsoring scholarships for education and camps and numerous volunteer hours at schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, care centers, extension services, 4-H and so many more.

Each of the seven counties submitted a quilt square for the 2020 census quilt that best represented their county.

The Louisville Area counties came together for a "Service with A Smile" project that involved putting together gift bags of assorted items for the Markey Ovarian Cancer patient at University of Kentucky. One hundred and five chemo gift bags were delivered. The bags contained assortment of books, puzzles, candies, chap sticks, hand sanitizer, socks, hats, scarves, teas, lotions, inspirational cards and much more. This service project was displayed at the 2019 KEHA Conference in May 2019.

The Louisville Area annual meeting "Sun Shines Bright as we Grow Ideas" was held at the Yew Dell Botanical Gardens in Crestwood, Ky. the weather for June was beautiful as well as the gardens. This was a hit with the homemakers and was well attended.

### ***Highlights for each county:***

**Bullitt County:** Each year they celebrate Homemaker Week with an assortment of make and take projects. They have made scarves, wall hangings, paintings, small baskets, knitted items and wood items. This event is open to the public and they showcase each homemaker club.

**Henry County:** For twenty six years the Homemakers of Henry County join together and present a "Holiday Bazaar". The bazaar attracts vendors and shoppers from as far away as Elizabethtown, Ky. and Madison, Ind. The various clubs have assorted items they have made from aprons to wreaths.

Henry County homemakers Second Wind Dreams grants dreams to the Twin Oaks Assisted Living in New Castle, Ky. They started granting these dreams in 2007 and have granted 447 dreams.

**Jefferson County:** This was the year for oils and what are they and how do we use them.

They did lessons and demonstration on assorted cooking oils and the healthy benefits of using the right oil to cook with. They also had lesson on essential oils for your body and what is CBD oil.

**Oldham County:** The homemakers presented an International Holiday Showcase in November 2018. They presented foods, tradition and history of the holidays around the world. Some of the countries represented were Holland, Greece, Germany, England and Switzerland.

**Shelby County:** Since 1991 Shelby county Homemakers have been hosting a “Spring Fashion Show”. They use homemakers as models and obtain the clothing from various shops in the county. This event is very popular and well attended. The proceeds go to ovarian cancer research.

**Spencer County:** With so many members inheriting antiques and one day passing these on there was an interest in having a class on Antiques. With the help of their local Antique Shop they presented an 8 week course on introduction of Antiques, silver, china, glass and furniture.

**Trimble County:** In November 2018 the Homemakers presented an event “All About Pumpkins”. There was a demonstration on how to prepare assorted varieties of pumpkins and squash. Assortment of dishes prepared with pumpkin included soup, dips, salsa, cake, tea, coffee and of course pumpkin pie. There were recipes on how to freeze and can pumpkin. Using pumpkins as table decorations for the holidays. This event was free and opened to the public.