

## **LOUISVILLE AREA PRESIDENT REPORT**

**July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

The Louisville Area consists of the following counties: Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble.

Our first eight months was business as usual with activities, meetings, fund raisers and community volunteer and support projects. The last four months of our fiscal year was very different as all faced many changes in our daily routine due to the COVID 19 restrictions. Several of our Homemakers continued to help their community by making protective face masks and giving them to family and friends, as well as hospitals, nursing homes and businesses. Some of the homemakers also worked with food banks and schools in handing out meals. We also had Homemakers that suddenly had to provide childcare on a daily basis for their grandchildren.

Our Homemakers discovered they can adapt to Technology as they work their way through phone apps, computer, iPads and virtual classes and meetings.

All seven of the counties Family Consumer Science Agents and the Extensions kept all the Homemakers up to date on the Healthy at Home, How to do Online Grocery Shopping, several Lessons and porch pickup packs and Protecting Yourself/ Others from COVID 19 and completing 2020 Census and contact information.

The following are a few highlights from Louisville Area counties before the restrictions of COVID 19.

**Bullitt:** A club made 50 Joey Pouches for the Joey's injured in Australia during the fires. Some of them helped in beautification project at local school and church.

**Henry:** Held their annual Holiday Bazaar; hosted annual Tea Party at assistant living facility.

**Oldham:** Hosted a presentation on Addiction 101 by Alex Elswick, UK Specialist for Substance Use, Prevention and Recovery.

**Shelby:** Collected nonperishable foods to be placed in Blessing Boxes, these are small boxes on poles that are in various locations that people can obtain food from. Also had a Homemaker and her husband do a presentation on their trip to Israel and Egypt with slides and food.

During this time of the COVID 19 restrictions many of the counties was not able to hold their annual meeting and the Louisville Area Annual meeting was not held. Since Louisville Area did not have an election for the outgoing president the current president remained until the next annual meeting. Homemakers expressed they missed seeing each other and the club activities.

Henry and Oldham do not have a FCS and the agents with the other programs through the UK Extension have been working with our Homemakers and we do appreciate their support and time.

Reported by Dottie Crouch, Louisville Area President