

GREEN RIVER AREA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MARCH 2016

The Green River Area consists of seven counties: Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Webster, and Union. We have two counties without FCS Agents. Leadership training with the Energy Bus has been used in the area. Also, presented a program call The Family Tree which is the breakdown of offices from KEHA, Green River Area to county with an explanation of duties.

KEHA week in October was observed with articles in newspapers, a proclamation from Judge Executive, a luncheon prepared by homemakers for the Ohio County Health Coalition, and baskets with survey sheets completed for a drawing. Daviess County has had booths at the Home Show.

The World's Greatest Baby Shower and Expectant Mother's Night Out was held in the area with clubs providing desserts, making baskets of baby gifts and education classes.

Taste of Homemakers was successful with items donated to the food banks and socks to the Happy Feet Program. Each attendee received a recipe cookbook.

Henderson County helped with the annual Derby Tea. It is a Tea Party and fashion show. The Program this year was focused on diabetes and diabetes prevention. It was very well attended, with a donation of \$300.00 to the local Henderson County Diabetes Coalition.

Area Annual day was hosted by Ohio County. Theme baskets raised \$1,200.00 for Ovarian Cancer. President Susan Hansford presented the Clean Water for All project. With this information Daviess County made contributions to the project.

New clubs formed Knitting and Crochet with projects going to Birth Rights and Brown Bag Book Club, writing reviews for books on the Cultural Arts list.

International month was celebrated with dinning out with different types of cuisines and presentations from Italy.

Funds have been raised for literacy programs with preschoolers getting a book to take home, scholarships, Relay for Life, Goodfellows, Angle Tree, backpack programs for schools, St. Anthony's, Thanksgiving Baskets and gifts for Rest Home residents. Hancock County is buying a new sewing machine for 4-H. Daviess County held a special sewing project for Camp Courageous of pillowcases. Ohio County homemaker fed a Thanksgiving meal to all the employees at Tamerlane Industries who hire local handicapped employees. Over 200 meals were served.

Some of the fund raisers have been: Daviess Co. Barn Quilt Notecards and Bookmarkers, Webster Co. cake walk at Harvest Days, Hancock Co. Quilt Show and July 4th Snow cones, Henderson Co. Cookbook and bake sale and Ohio Co. a Christmas Bazaar, Plant Sale, and Recycle Sale (rummage sale), McLean County works the fair.

The Area has been very busy but on the fun side they have taken county trips, county family nights, decorating the foyer at the Extension office and ladies day out. All report a Great Year!!

Marilyn Watson, Green River Area President