

Fort Harrod Area Presidents Report

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We are happy to report that our area had 100% participation in our state Ovarian Cancer Donation Project. Many of our counties also participate in the free Ovarian Cancer screening at the University of Kentucky facility each year.

It's been reported that some counties have targeted and recruited new younger members to be officers and committee chairs which had also increased membership. This has been a plus because it allowed older members to participate and enjoy events without it being taxing to them. Mercer County started a new club for young mothers with young children at home.

Some counties have started newsletters and email to increase contact with local members. Day trips were planned in some counties to peak interest and add skills and knowledge. Some of the older clubs have been rejuvenated by added younger members willing to take on more responsibility. They began having annual county meetings again and encouraged more participation in cultural arts. Several counties reported they had had membership drive events and fun nights to encourage membership.

Fort Harrod Area hosts an annual Craft Camp at Jabez each June. This program is open to all homemakers and the general public. Our host county and area planning committee are presently planning and preparing for this event.

Our lessons taught by our County Extension Agents and presented throughout our area are excellent. Programs are well attended and the information is timely and beneficial. Agents do a wonderful job. Jessamine County has just welcomed Karli Jessie, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, to their Extension program.

Some of the many projects that are ongoing are: Programs for Military Families; Back Pack Project and Food Pantry Assistance; Christmas Teas, Luncheons and Home Tours; Christmas Stores for children to purchase gifts for their family; Coat drives; Grandparent programs; Nursing home events and monthly programs; free Ovarian Cancer screening; and Extension Homemakers are actively partnering with different community agencies and many more. In Woodford County Extension Homemakers made a local connection and partnered with the local high school FCCLA club. They worked together to organize a community Thanksgiving food drive.

All counties reported participating in the cultural arts events this past year. Most of the counties reported participating in community fairs, parades, festivals, and Relay for Life events. Counties collected can tabs, box tops, and bottle caps for many different organizations in the community. Lincoln County helped their county 4-H clubs collect 450 pounds of bottle caps for a recycled community bench to be placed in the community butterfly garden.

Our Area continues to be strong and very active.