

Pennyrile Area

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The Pennyrile Area Homemakers requested and received a grant from KEHA at the state meeting in April. With the funds from that grant, each member on the Pennyrile Area Homemaker Council received a copy of the book "Love Works: Seven Timeless Principles For Effective Leaders" by Joel Manby. Each member read the book and came together on August 4th, for a training facilitated by the Pennyrile Area Agents. Our training was focused around the principles in the book. Joel is the CEO of Herschend Family Entertainment which runs Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO among other entertainment enterprises. The book focuses on the 7 principles of effective leaders. The principles are:

- Patient: Have self-control in difficult situations
- Kind: Show encouragement and enthusiasm
- Trusting: Place confidence in someone
- Unselfish: Think of yourself less
- Truthful: Define reality corporately and individually
- Forgiving: Release the grip of the grudge
- Dedicated: Stick to your values in all circumstances

After the training all Area Council members were charged with taking the information back to their counties and using what they learned to lead with love as they embarked on a new Homemaker year. Evaluations from the leadership day praised the book and the agents for putting together a fun-filled training with information that was easy to incorporate into everyday lives. Some comments from the training included:

I learned that I should:

- Be kind even when it is hard.
- Put love first when leading others.
- Make a positive statement each day.
- Listen and pay attention to others.
- Make people feel good about themselves.

The Pennyrile Agents with the help of Pennyrile Area Homemakers have asked to offer a session at the upcoming state meeting to share the information on the "Love Works" book as well as share how we used the grant money to better our leadership skills.