

## BLUEGRASS AREA 2017 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Bluegrass Area Homemakers have had another productive and rewarding year. We have volunteered at:

County Fairs

Nursing homes

Elementary and High Schools & also provided college scholarships

Provided clothing for children in Ghana and the Philippines

Assisted in many civic organizations

Emphasized our area membership program "Each One – bring One", requesting each homemaker is responsible for bringing a new member or mailbox member.

We have continued to work towards making our communities better in every way. The one thing we did differently in our area this year was we provided a program entitled - Training the Trainer. This program works toward making the officers and area program chairpersons more aware of what each of their duties were during the coming year. The primary purpose of this meeting was strengthening the leadership of our Bluegrass Area.

It was our privilege to have Kim Henken our KEHA Advisor to explain the roles and duties of each of the officers and area chairperson. Kim also explained how the new KEHA website keeps members updated to happenings within our organization. She provided a question and answer time for the attendees.

Melody Nall, UK CEDIK Extension Specialist presented a program regarding the four (4) different personalities of our many homemakers. She associated the personalities to four animals – Lions, Otters, Golden Retrievers, Beavers. Each of these animals have different strengths and weakness but all bring various attributes to our organization.

Lions – Basic disposition: Fast paced, task oriented

Motivated by: Results, challenge, action, power, and credit for achievement

Otters – Basic disposition: people oriented

Motivated by: Recognition and approval of others.

Golden Retrievers – Basic disposition: Slow paced, people oriented

Motivated by: Desire for good relationships and appreciation of others.

Beavers – Basic disposition: Slow paced, task oriented

Motivated by: The desire to be right and maintain quality.

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The program was not only enjoyable and educational but also very enlightening when we realized how different we all are, but also how each personality contributes to our organization. We desperately need many different personalities to make our organization succeed and move forward.

Several of the attendees presented this program at their county officer training and stated they would like to continue to have something such as this each year. Our primary purpose of this meeting was to encourage and education attendees but also work for Homemakers to strengthen our leadership from county officers through to the club leadership.