

LOUISVILLE AREA EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

President's Report for June 30, 2016 through July 1, 2017; Fall KEHA Meeting

The seven counties that make up the Louisville Area are home to a diverse population living in the city, country, and combination of the two.

Devoted to community service, Louisville Area Homemakers have donated their time and resources to numerous charitable projects. At the KEHA 2017 State Conference, we delivered two complete basic sewing kits, material, and \$2,600 for sewing machines and sergers for Ghana. During the Louisville Area Cultural Arts, we raised funds for Ovarian Cancer Research by covering a table with quarters.

Our members are active in homemaker activities at the county, area, and state levels. The 2017 Annual Louisville Area Homemakers Meeting was well-attended by all counties. Each of the Area's counties sent a representative to the 2017 KEHA State Conference. Sixty-three items from the 2017 Louisville Area Cultural Arts contest advanced to the state competition. All seven counties participate in the Homemaker Lessons Plan in attending and taking the information back to their family and friends. Members also assist with county fairs.

BULLITT COUNTY

Bullitt County Extension Homemakers continue to serve the community through their ongoing Pillow Cases Project. Members bring their sewing machines to the Bullitt County Extension Office and make pillow cases out of donated material. To date, they have made over 500 hundred pillow cases for the cancer patients at Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville.

HENRY COUNTY

Henry County is proud of their Community Outreach Program which they have pushed to each more and more people in the community. Over the past year, Henry County Homemakers organized a project for each month, and all clubs participated.

One month, they collected food and hygiene items for Tri-County Senior Center and Henry County Help Center and the Backpack Program. For another project, they collected clothing and various items for the homeless patients at the Veteran's Hospital. They also collected food and other essential items for homeless female veterans. Around Christmas, the homemakers gave out gift bags at the Senior Center and to the residents at the Nursing Home and Assisted Living facilities. One of the Henry County Homemaker clubs also taught a craft project at the assisted living facility each month.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jefferson County Extension Homemakers too have been busy giving back to their community. Their projects over the past year include tutoring students, delivering Meals on Wheels, aiding Kentucky Refugee Ministries, providing snacks for Veterans, cooking for Ronald McDonald House as well as Gilda's Club Louisville, and collecting supplies for the less fortunate and homeless.

OLDHAM COUNTY

Last October, a Sweetest Day Tea helped raise funds to supply two students with college scholarships. The fundraiser also helped send less fortunate children to Oldham County 4-H Camp over the summer. More than 100 tickets sold for this event.

Oldham County Homemakers contribute to the Kentucky Health Access Nurturing Development Service (HANDS). Each month, one of the clubs donates items for parents such as diapers and handmade changing pads. Clubs also collect school supplies for the counties elementary schools. Another project involved making Valentine Cards during the county's Cultural Arts Day and delivering them to the local nursing homes. Oldham County Homemakers also donate each year to Ovarian Cancer Research and Coins for Change.

SHELBY COUNTY

Shelby County hosted a "Yarn Barn Sale" with yarn donated by the late Mary Margaret Krahulec. She made known her wishes for approximately 500 boxes of her yarn to be sold and proceeds are divided among three of her chosen community causes. People from all over the state attended the two-day sale, raising approximately \$22,000. A portion of the proceeds donated to Shelby County Extension Homemakers will be donated to the University of Kentucky Ovarian Cancer Screening Program.

At the 2017 Kentucky State Fair, Shelby County Homemakers performed needlework and caning demonstrations. Other events from the past year include a Cookie Exchange, England International Lunch, Spring Fashion Show, and Book Sale.

SPENCER COUNTY

Homemakers of Spencer County contribute to a great variety of causes. Community projects include supporting Backpack Buddies, hosting a community baby shower, donating blankets to nursing homes, and holding a Spaghetti Dinner for Habitat for Humanity. They also held a Christmas on Main Street Holiday Workshop, supplied pillowcases for foster children, held a silent auction for Farm to Table, and performed demonstrations at the Kentucky State Fair. Spencer County Homemakers donated money to Coins for Change, Project Graduation, 4-H camp scholarships, county fair board desserts for progressive dinner, Ovarian Cancer Screening Research, Shop with a Cop, and the Spencer County Special Olympics.

TRIMBLE COUNTY

The Trimble County Extension Homemakers continue to be active in their endeavors. One of their current projects is assembling Christmas stockings for local nursing home residents. The vibrant Trimble Thimbles Club continues to meet twice a week and is excited to share their knowledge and skills with new members. Trimble County Homemakers are active volunteers at Cooperative Extension events and programs such as the county fair, Holiday Open House, Truth & Consequences, and 4-H Reality Store.