

Fort Harrod Area Extension Homemakers
President's Report for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019
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Fort Harrod Area had an increase in membership for the second year in a row. Some of our counties are struggling while some flourish. All counties donated to the Ovarian Cancer Fund. Several of our ladies received recognition for volunteer hours and cultural arts entries. Some of our highlights are:

Anderson County, Kay Scheffler, President: The Anderson Extension Homemakers have two regular homemaker clubs, two specialty clubs-quilt guild and basket guild. Total membership for 2018-2019 year was 57.

In September we have a display of quilts at First Presbyterian Church in Lawrenceburg during our community Burgoo Festival. We made our annual trip to the Galilean Home to view the quilts to be auctioned to raise money for their home and school. The Galilean Home takes in babies and young children of parents who are incarcerated and have nowhere else to go. To celebrate Homemaker Week, we had an Ice Cream Social, and program on "Fraud Alert". This included information on safety and fraud/scams for safer living.

We had a holiday food tasting event that went over very well. In December we visited a local assisted living facility, and gave them a Christmas party. We passed out gifts, had cookies and punch and sang carols. Later that month we had a craft attack making Christmas ornaments. We had a kitchen attack with a display of old kitchen gadgets and a demonstration of the instant pot. Our Cultural Arts was held in January, several blue ribbons going on to the Area Cultural Arts in March. February was another craft attack, cookies were decorated, wreaths made from a coat hanger and red/white strips of fabric, cake pops, a yarn heart and valentine card.

March, we had a container gardening class with 20 attendees with the assistance of our Ag. Agent. Our annual Festival of Foods was held in April. We tasted the foods of Turkey and learned about the culture and lifestyle of that country. An auction later raised over \$200.00. We started having a lunch and learn based on the recipes in the calendar we receive from UK. This has been very well received and enjoyed by the Homemakers. For the KEHA State Meeting our area was tasked with making decorations for the awards luncheon. In May we had our end of year meeting/dinner to recognize Homemaker of the Year, Legacy Homemaker and installed the new officers for the year. Total Volunteer Service hours total for Anderson County is 9699.

Boyle County, Thelma Mills, President: We held our second fabric sale which was a big success. Proceeds from the sale will enable us to donate to various charities over the next several years as well as a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving Boyle County high school senior. Smaller fabric sales were conducted and limited to homemaker members, which proved to be a boon to our enrollment. Money was donated to Shepherd House, Gladys Project, Boy Scout Troop 27, Forkland Community Center, Happy Feet and Project Recovery.

Other activities included supporting Perryville Elementary, Humane Society, Toys for Tots, Operation Christmas Child, and 4-H scholarships. We made blankets for Camp Horsin' Around; pillowcases, lap

quilts and adult bibs for Hospice; and we made hats to donate to the hospital, Sunrise Children's Services, and Haven Care Center. Two clubs helped with the Farm Bureau dinner. We had a successful Cultural Arts Contest and International dinner in February, which featured Irish foods and an excellent Irish dancer. A Girl Scout troop received Irish dancing lessons on stage.

Our Homemaker Week in October featured a Tasting Party, pillowcase Make-N-Take, Starry Night Studio night, silent auction, and a craft class. A Homemakers display was featured at the local library through the month of October, with a poster from each club and various items representing our many talents. We ended our year with our annual meeting and an antique dealer giving individual assessments of antiques, which proved to be very informative and entertaining.

Franklin County, Reeca Carver, President: The Franklin County Homemakers held their annual Children's Holiday Store and served approximately 200 children which they purchased handmade items for their family members for Christmas. The funds received by homemaker chapters went to various community service projects as 4H scholarship, Christmas Angels, and Food Pantry just to name a few. Franklin County held a Hanging of the Green Christmas Tea for members to come and celebrate the holidays together and help decorate the extension office. A \$500 scholarship was awarded to a Franklin County High School student attending UK and majoring in agriculture. We held our annual meeting in May and raffled baskets to go toward the scholarship fund and raised over \$500. The homemakers club planted a tree at the Franklin County Extension office in memory of those that had passed away from their club. We had 2,229 volunteer hours reported and donated \$1.00 to the Ovarian Cancer Society for each member.

Lincoln County, Brenda Hammons, President: We have a large banner made to hang across the downtown street to celebrate and publicize Homemakers. We have a craft day free to the public, poured painting, rock and gourd painting. We have an Open House to show off all of our special interest classes and displays of all our regular classes, their dates and times, hoping to increase membership. We serve the veterans lunch in November. We do Thanksgiving /Christmas baskets for needy. We have personal items gathering for the nursing homes. We have an Ovarian Cancer Tea first week of December. We do back pack food for kids at school on weekends.

Mercer County, Wendy Hood President: We had a Homemaker's Day Out, at Louisville Stoneware and Mary Hadley Pottery in Louisville. This event is open to non-Homemaker members as well. We held a volunteer orientation for Floral Hall and staffed the exhibits during the week-long county fair.

We had at least one person attend all Area events: Small Appliance Area training, Area Annual meeting, and Area Council meetings. We had a table set up at the Holiday Open House. Visitors could create a hand-on project, and we had a flier about Homemakers they could take. We held a local Cultural Arts contest, a County Annual Meeting, and held a County Council Meeting. I know some counties have a Council Meeting every month – we have one once a year.

We are in the process of planning an Area Leadership Development Seminar to be held in August 2019. We had a Homemaker's Day Out to Bardstown including a tour of Federal Hill (My Old Kentucky Home). We produced and distributed a monthly Homemaker Newsletter to all members.