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KENTUCKY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL REPORT

November 2019



A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN *Rebecca Clay, International State Chair 2018 -2021*

I have been a small part of Homemakers my entire life and every year I learn something else about what Kentucky Homemakers have achieved and I'm always a little more impressed. I love this organization and I truly believe that with every project and program we complete, we improve the overall health and well-being of our state, country and world.

While in Australia attending the 29th Triennial World Conference, they went over the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This agenda consists of 17 Sustainable Development Goals which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. Each goal recognizes that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth - all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests. Learning about these goals made me appreciate the efforts of KEHA's International Program because with it, we are able to touch the lives of many people in need.

This year, while we still have ongoing projects around the world, I wanted to take a closer look at what's happening in Kentucky. I have had many questions about water filters from fellow Kentuckians because their water wasn't drinkable and it blew my mind. In 2019, how can someone in my state not have access to potable water that's not bottled? What else is happening in our state that we need to take action on? With every project and program you choose to complete for the betterment of your own community, will help us see what the areas of concern are. We are determined to take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path.

As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind. I am so proud of the work Kentucky Homemakers have already achieved and I am looking forward to seeing what we accomplish in the future. May you always continue to impress me.

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COINS FOR CHANGE

Since 1936, Kentucky Extension Homemakers have been a member of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). ACWW is a non-political, non-sectarian international organization involving more than 6.5 million members of women's organizations and societies in more than 70 countries around the world. The organization works to improve standards of living for women and their families through a wide variety of world projects. Their Pennies for Friendship program assists in funding these projects, and half of the funds collected each year through KEHA's Coins for Change program are forwarded to ACWW. This year KEHA has collected \$7,363.04 and \$3,681.52 of that was sent to ACWW.

KEHA CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

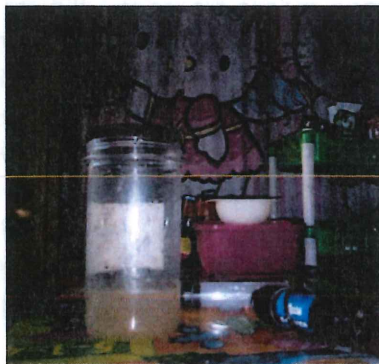
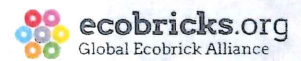
The KEHA Clean Water Project has been very successful and beneficial to a developing country like the Philippines, which has unsafe drinking water. Only a small population in the Philippines can afford municipal water and the majority of the population relies on water pumps, which are untreated. In rural areas, where water pumps are nonexistent and their main source of water being spring water and rivers, are often contaminated from the livestock run off etc. KEHA distributes water filters to those families who cannot afford to buy bottled water. We hope to continue this project and to be able to reach more families that desperately need potable drinking water. We have started to receive requests from families who have heard about our Clean Water & Sanitation Project through satisfied families who continue to spread the good word of how much better they feel since KEHA provided them with a water filter. We have reports that the overall health for those families who received a water filter, have dramatically change to positive. One household in the rural area of Leyte, Philippines sent us a picture in October 2019 of her family's water filter arrangement and another picture of the results from backwashing her filter before bedtime. She said she always catches the backwashed water in a jar to remind herself of how dirty the water they've been drinking really is. This year, KEHA raised \$602.26 for the Clean Water & Sanitation Fund.

KENTUCKY ACADEMY

More than 10 years ago, KEHA initiated work in support of the Kentucky Academy kindergarten in the village of Adjeikrom in Ghana. Over the years, KEHA's support provided infrastructure updates for the kindergarten, curriculum resources, construction of a dining pavilion, support for a sewing cooperative, and more. In recent years, the focus has been construction of a library for the village. As of June 2019, donations are still needed help buy computers and books, light fixtures, furniture, washroom fittings. Please send all donations to our State Treasurer. This year, KEHA has collected \$1,394.33 to help support the Academy.

ECOBRICK PROJECT

When plastics are littered, burned or dumped, they contaminate the ecosystems that sustain us and our fellow species. Ecobricking is a deep solution for plastic. When we save, segregate and pack plastics into bottles, we can make building blocks that can be reused over and over again. Today, we have two EcoBrick builds in the works. One located in the Philippines and another located in Johnson County, Kentucky. More updates to come!



International

State Chairman 2018 – 2019 Projects & Programs Summary

Fall Board Meeting July 2018 – June 2019

Fundraising & Donations Reported

Coins for Change: **\$ 7,363.04**

KEHA Clean Water & Sanitation Fund: **\$602.26**

Kentucky Academy : **\$1,394.**

Other:

Area: **14** of 14 Areas participated

Counties: **101** of 120 Counties participated

Members: **7,600** of KEHA Members reported their participation in International Projects

Countries Studied **40** of 195 Countries reported that they had been studied

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ACWW Resolutions & Recommendations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Elimination of Dog Mediated Rabies
Support education globally through rabies education programs on bite prevention, expanding dog rabies vaccination coverage to stop transmission, improving access to post exposure prophylaxis and by lobbying governments to provide the funds to achieve this. <input type="checkbox"/> Registration of Old Landfills
Urge governments of all countries to map and register the presence of old landfill sites. The register should record the presence of dangerous substances (if known) and the risk of future leakage. <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of Shared Marine Environment, Sustainable Coral Reefs, and Fish Stocks
Request that Government and Industries to take action to ensure the wise use and protection of the shared marine environment, to protect the sustainability of coral reefs and fish stocks for future generations. <input type="checkbox"/> Use of Plastic
Call on all governments to regulate the use of plastics in packaging and manufacturing processes to reduce the impact of discarded plastic on the environment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action of Climate Change
Support the historic Paris Climate Agreement 2015 by taking action at local, national and international level to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help rebuild resilience within their communities to deal with the adverse impacts of climate change. <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles and Clothes
Put pressure upon all textile, footwear and apparel companies and manufacturers to ensure fair pay and working conditions, as suggested by current International Labor Organization conventions and recommendations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence (Women, Men, Elderly)
Urge the governments of all the countries and their agents to develop and implement strategies for the prevention of domestic violence. <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deficiency
Urge governments and health organizations to continue financing and supporting the research needed to eliminate the world-wide incidence of iron deficiency. <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Sensitive Health Care
Urge governments to strive for gender sensitive health care. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Nutrition for Women with Emphasis on Environmental Health
Promote work with governments and other non-governmental agencies in unison to achieve measurable improvements in malnutrition and environmental health for rural women. <input type="checkbox"/> Pollinator Protection
Urge governments and research institutes to continue to identify and reduce specific drivers of insect pollinator decline, develop agricultural pollinator-friendly practices, and promote greater public awareness of the role on insect pollination in global food production. <input type="checkbox"/> Query Fever
Advocate to governments that increased funding be made available to educate medical practitioners and alert all communities about the identification, treatment and prevention. If not already in place, implement a scheme to subsidize vaccination programs to prevent Q Fever in high risk areas. <input type="checkbox"/> Safe and Secure Access to Toilet Facilities for All
Aim to raise the standard of living of rural women and their families by including special and appropriate sanitary facilities for people with disabilities, serious illnesses and the elderly. |
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KEHA Projects and Programs

Projects and Programs that Homemakers help make happen statewide.

Sustainable Development Goals: **14** of 17 SDGs were achieved

1. No Poverty

Economic growth must be inclusive to provide sustainable jobs and promote equality.

2. Zero Hunger

To end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

- Participation in Access to Food All Year Round Programs
- Back Pack Program (*helps children get the nutritious and easy-to-prepare food they need to get enough to eat on the weekends*)
 - 1654 members reported participated
 - 14341 children reported served
- Community Feeding Programs
 - 856 members reported participating
 - 4739 senior citizens reported served
 - 3845 children reported served
- Support to local Meals on Wheels Program (*Meals on Wheels America is the leadership organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger.*)
- Support to The Brown Bag Food Project (*they addresses the immediate need for food with 24 hour turn around availability. The Brown Bag Food Project offers nutritious and well-balanced assortments of both perishable and non-perishable food items, while addressing any specific dietary restrictions of clients.*)
- Support for local Food Pantries

3. Good Health and Well-Being

To ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

- World's Greatest Baby Shower (Community Baby Shower)
- Donations to University of Kentucky Ovarian Research Program
- Participation in the HANDS Program offered by local Health Department (*Providing good parents the tools, resources and knowledge they need to become great parents! We want to help parents succeed in achieving: Positive pregnancy outcomes, Optimal child growth and development, healthy, safe homes for children, Family self-sufficiency*)
- Donations to Ronald McDonald House (*The mission of RMHC is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families.*)
- Breast Feeding Awareness Programs
- Immunization Awareness Programs

4. Quality Education

Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning.

- Kentucky Academy Project
 - 300 members reported participated
 - **\$1394** Funds Raised
- Box Tops for Education (*For over 20 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn cash for their school, with products they already buy.*)

5. Gender Equality

To achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

- Support at local Women's Clinic to help educate women in Home Economics
- Donations to Domestic Abuse Shelters
- Donated Sewing Baskets to International Women)
- Church Mission Work (Brazil and Honduras): Educating women in Home economics

6. Clean Water and Sanitation

To ensure access to safe water sources and sanitation for all.

- Clean Water & Sanitation Awareness Programs
 - 533 members participated
 - **\$602** Funds Raised
- Water Steps Program (Collected shoes to raise money to buy water filters)

7. Affordable and Clean Energy

To ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

8. Decent Work and Economic Growth

Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all.

- 1641 members reported that they supported their Local Farmers Market

9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

10. Reduced Inequalities

To reduce inequalities within and among countries.

- Pillowcases donated to Camp Courageous (*a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides year-round recreational and respite care opportunities for individuals with special needs.*)

11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

- EcoBrick Project and Awareness Project: *(An EcoBrick is a plastic bottle packed to a set density with used, clean and dry plastic to achieve a building block that can be used over and over again.)*

12. Responsible Consumption and Production

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

- 234 members reported that they studied how far their food travels

13. Climate Action

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

- 885 Members Planted Trees
- 2438 Trees Planted

14. Life Below Water

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources.

- Life Below Water Awareness Programs
- Annual River Sweeps
- EcoBrick Project and Awareness Programs: *(An EcoBrick is a plastic bottle packed to a set density with used, clean and dry plastic to achieve a building block that can be used over and over again.)*

15. Life on Land

Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss.

- Liter Prevention & Clean Up Programs
 - 348 members reported participation
- Started Junior Gardening Clubs
- Celebrated Earth Day *(Earth Day is celebrated each year on April 22 and was established to increase awareness of the need to protect the Earth's natural resources.)*
- Participated in Community Clean-Ups
- 1149 members reported raising a garden
- Participated in PRIDE Programs *(Various awareness programs and beautification projects throughout Kentucky.)*
- EcoBrick Project and Awareness Programs: *(An EcoBrick is a plastic bottle packed to a set density with used, clean and dry plastic to achieve a building block that can be used over and over again.)*

16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

- Dolls were made for First Responders for Children in Distress.
- Shop with a Cop *(an event to foster positive relationships between youth and officers)*
- Pillow cases and Blankets to the Children's Hospital
- Quilts for Midwest Mission *(Transform the resources of God's people into humanitarian relief.)*

17. Partnerships for the Goals

To revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

- Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW): a nonpolitical, non-sectarian international organization that works to improve standards of living for all women and their families through worldwide projects.
- KEHA joined ACWW in Women Walk the World on 5/14/19. *(The aim is raise awareness of ACWW's work, promote the organization and raise funds - this money goes to further develop our aims of raising the standard of living for rural women and their families through education, training and community development programs, supporting educational opportunities for women and girls and help eliminate gender discrimination)*
- Coins for Change (Supports ACWW Pennies for Friendship)
 - **\$ 7363** Total Funds Collected - **\$3681** sent to ACWW
- The Country Women's Council of the United States of America (CWC): is a coordinating council, composed of Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) member societies in the USA and meets annually to promote the work of ACWW. Follow them on Facebook or visit their website at <http://www.cwcusa.org/>
- National Volunteer Outreach Network (N.V.O.N.): national organization organized in 1995; Kentucky was one of the organizing states. Eight states are included in the organization, and a national conference is held each year. N.V.O.N. is comprised of member organizations working together to promote communication, education, and volunteerism for all people. Follow them on Facebook or visit their website at <http://www.nvon.org/>