

Northern Kentucky Area Extension Homemakers

President Report 2018-2019

Northern Kentucky Area Extension Homemakers were very busy and accomplished many projects, served our communities, and learned many different skills. Area Homemakers attended the fall set of lessons "Knowing Your Treasures" and the spring lessons "Healthy Horticulture for Every Body". Area trips were taken to Pennsylvania, Hershey, Shanksville, Lacomedia and the Derby Dinner Theatre. Other Area programs were "Living With Arthritis" and "Bone and Joint Health". The Annual Sewing Expo was held at the Boone County Campus with record attendance. Homemakers attended, taught classes, and served as hostesses.

Boone County

KEHA Homemaker Week had Boone County holding a "Homemakers 101" Open House. Each club had a table representing their club activities. Judge Moore gave us a proclamation declaring it "Boone County Extension Homemaker Day". Refreshments were served and 11 new people joined that evening. Members sold cookbooks and promoted Homemakers at Quilters Day Out, Craft Shows, Sports of all Sorts Health Fair, Boone County Community Activities Fair, Farmer's Market, and the Boone County Fair. Over 300 canned goods along with \$60.00 in cash and bags of toiletries were collected for World Food Day. 363 hats, gloves and socks were donated to schools and Hope Ministries. School supplies and toiletries were collected for Operation Shoebox. Over 900 prescription bottles were collected to be used by Matthew 25 Ministries. \$300.00 in clothing was donated to Walton Elementary. Boone County had an increase of 42 members with 15 members joining after the 1st of the year. The Annual Meeting celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the Hathaway Club. They are retiring as a club due to age.

Campbell County

Campbell County Homemakers logged 3988 volunteer hours. They have 102 members. The Kick-Off created an Open-House with an old fashioned cake walk. It was titled "Food, Friends, and FUNds." 500 stuffed bears were made and given to the military. 6 fidget boards were made for dementia patients. \$150 was donated for 4-H camp scholarships and 2-\$500 scholarships were awarded to 2 Campbell County High School Seniors. For Homemaker Week, they celebrated by supplying breakfast to the Extension Staff. The main focus this past year was hosting the Area Annual Meeting. They planned and executed the meeting in October. The year was dedicated to restructuring and reorganizing. In the spring, "Ladies Just Want to Have FUNds" was an opportunity to raise funds for scholarships. This was a crop/fundraiser.

Carroll County

Homemakers benefited from having a full-time agent. The 2nd year ovarian cancer research fundraising was reached and exceeded the goal. Over \$1700 was raised. The 4-H Club is in its 2nd year. Homemakers offered a super star chef cooking experience, canning and food preservation, helped with fair projects, sewing, horse leader and felting to support 4-H and raise money for children to attend camp. The International Luncheon spotlighted work in Haiti. Service to community monthly good deeds saw them helping the dog shelter, food pantry, collecting stuffed animals for police and collected goodie bags for the local mens home. Programs helped combat December stress and provided "Cabin Fever Relief".

Gallatin County

The Homemakers Organization is the largest civic and volunteer organization in Gallatin County. The fundraisers are organized to support the Homemaker Scholarship Fund. Over 20 recipes were used for the "Tasting Bee" in October. The 2nd annual "Peony Festival 5KRun/walk was held in May. Over \$1400 was raised from the race. 16,148 volunteer service hours were logged. Members serve on the Gallatin County Collaboration for Better Health and Safety, Library Board, Gallatin County Tourism and leadership positions in their churches. They have special interest clubs - Scrapbooking and Quilt clubs continue to meet. Care packages are sent to their service men and women. Money is raised from a club held at a local nursing home for families in need during the holidays. Donations are taken monthly to donate to the Fisher House for families of Veteran's staying there while their loved ones are receiving care at Veteran's Hospital.

Grant County

Grant County Homemakers held canning classes, electric pressure-cooking classes, spring cleaning series, Buzz about Bees, a Carnival at the Grant County Public Library, painting and ceramic painting classes. They also began a Crochet and a Scrapbooking Club. Two high school scholarships for \$750 each were given along with a county scholarship to 4-H. Project graduation was supported along with providing snacks to the Northern Kentucky Grant Center to help the students get geared up for testing. They started helping put the flags out and taking them down at the Kentucky Veteran's Cemetery North whenever there was a Veteran buried. The County Council bought a bench from lids they collected to be used in a future memorial garden at the Extension office. They worked with Recipe For Life for Grant County and Williamstown schools. International Night was on Ireland. Highlights included: the Area Annual Meeting in Boone County, Shoppers Showcase, lunches for poll workers and the Holiday Panorama. Marlene McComas served as State President and Jennifer Williams served as State Chairman for Marketing and Media. At the State Meeting, Judy Jackson was elected as State Secretary.

Kenton County

Nine Kenton County Homemakers are Certified Master Clothing Volunteers. They assist with 4-H and adult sewing projects and assist with judging entries at fairs. The kickoff event was a costumed speaker on the "Women of the Civil War" showing the importance of women throughout history. Fundraisers for scholarships were successful with a "Girls Day Out" and "A Day at the Races". The International Program addressed the topic of travel and specific ways to do this. Experts spoke on the new Kentucky Driver's Licenses, AAA, a flight attendant on packing and local experts sharing their secrets for having fun while traveling. 5 scholarships at \$500 each were given to high school graduates. \$200 was given for a 4-H camp scholarship. They have collected medicine bottles, bags, hats, gloves, undergarments and cereal to distribute. They also have ongoing projects to make lap quilts. Cathy Kunkle Mains was inducted into the Master Farm Homemaker Guild and also elected the new 4-H KEHA Chairman. Members served on the building committee for their new second Extension Building that opened in June.

Owen County

Owen County has 174 members. Homemakers support the County Fair, have officer trainings, "Recipes for Life", the Holiday Trimmings Program, Santa's Castle, the 4-H Banquet, the Christmas Parade, a Quilt Retreat, 4-H Sewing programs, and the Reality Store 8th grade. Scrapping for the Community and Memory Makers netted \$5,000 to be shared with meeting the needs of the community. They enjoyed friendship and learned history from visiting: Danville, Ky - The Doll House Museum and touring the McDowell Home; Frankfort, Ky - Visiting the Old Capital and the Kentucky History Museum; and Charm, Ohio Amish Country. Homemakers use their leadership skills serving on Leadership Owen County, Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Director, meeting the needs ministry and serving on 4-H councils, county and area homemaker boards.

Pendleton County

Pendleton County Homemakers started the year with a "What's for Dinner Series". A schedule was set up to work at the county fair funnel Cake Booth and to guard the buildings. A cake Auction followed where they raised \$1900 for scholarships. Their 68th Annual Meeting was "Bridging the Past to the Future". Many members helped with the Recipe for Life program. A Winter Wonderland was held where people could sample food and drink and to shop. A Reverse Advent Calender was started for donations for the local foodbank. Each day an item was to be added to the box. Curtains were made for the 4-H Camp cabins. A Farm Dinner Theatre was held to promote farm safety and health. Another program was "Meal Kits, Are they Worth It?" An Extension Boot Camp was started along with a day trip to Berheim Forest. The Internatinal Dinner highlighted Spain.

All of the Northern Kentucky Area Homemakers outdid themselves on service to their communities while making new friends and enjoying their many projects. I am amazed at the amount of hard-working Homemakers in this Area and I am proud to be one of them.

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