

KEHA International Chair Report

2014-2015

I am proud to convey that 14 of 14 areas submitted their Annual Program of Work Report. Job well done for all the International Chairpersons in club, county and area level for making sure the reports are submitted in timely manner.

With our International goal “Empower Women Worldwide: Encourage, Educate, Enrich” it is clear to me that this program has done just that both locally and to some countries around us. By organizing a project, our homemaker members are empowered in leadership and determination to make the world a better place.

Interactive Projects

In Bluegrass Area 221 members made 281 pillowcases and T shirt dresses for children in Africa. Three members in Breckinridge County is doing the same project but didn't report how many was sent. In different areas members made shorts, dresses and lap quilts to Haiti. Hardin County in Lincoln Trail area collected 2 truckloads of books for “International Book Project” and donated \$200.00 to defray the shipping. 14 clubs were involved in this project. Several counties are actively participated in “Sole Hope Program” to make shoes for barefooted children in Uganda to prevent chigger's infestation in between their toes.

County International Program

Counties around Kentucky are conducting International program, and by doing so it encourage and educate 1,660 KEHA members about the neighboring countries. This year members explored Nigeria, Ireland, Slovakia, Italy, Norway, Thailand, Philippines, England, Haiti, Germany, Africa, Greece, Egypt, France, Spain, Poland , Hungary, Serbia, India, Ghana and Peru. Members learned about the country's infrastructure, government, religion, schools, agriculture, family life and most importantly the women's role in their society. And of course the sampling of food in each country presented is served.

Area wide International Program

There are 3 Area's reported in conducting an Area Wide International program with total of 555 members participated.

Hosted a foreign exchange student or chaperon in collaboration with 4-H LABO

There are 3 counties reported hosting the total of 4 foreign exchange individual thru the 4-h program which impacted the lives of 141 people in the community. Other homemaker members hosted foreign exchange from Brazil and South Korea not related to the program mentioned.

ACWW recommendation Project

There are 96 members involve in tree planting activities with one county giving away trees to be planted. There only 3 members participated in Access to Credit Program, but there are 169 members participated in Financial Management program. 104 members are involved in making mats from a recycled plastic bags. One county made 37 mats for the homeless and other county made mats for children in Haiti.

There are 43 members reported in attending the ACWW breakfast in KEHA State Meeting.

\$1106.16 collected for Kentucky Academy by Bluegrass area and \$66 raised for the Kentucky Academy Library Project reported by Pennyriple area.

174 clubs reported in supporting Coins for Change program and collect total amount of \$6,699.33.

Individual members, clubs, county and area level planted vegetables in different causes such as, raised garden for handicap, container garden and several clubs planted garden for the senior citizen. Some supported the local farmers market.

Club, county and area level supported the Safe and healthy Water Project and learned how important and scarce potable water in other parts of the world. Fort Harrod area collected enough to buy 14 water filters. Two areas took part of the Water Step Project with Louisville area collected 500 pair of shoes for the water project. One county conducted a preparedness plan. 22 attendees learned the county's plan in providing clean water in emergency.

Overall, KEHA members are actively exercising their leadership role in our community and around the world by organizing events, conducting programs and donating monetary funds, time and talent to Empower Women Worldwide, Provide Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation, Quality Education, Zero Hunger, Land Retention and Nurturing Families.

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