

Bluegrass Area President Report November 2016

The Bluegrass Area has been very busy the past few months. We have been meeting and exchanging ideas on various topics, but mostly how to increase our membership in the coming years.

Each officer and chairperson received a manual for the coming year. The manual makes everyone aware of the following:

1. Dates to Remember
2. Membership information
3. Bluegrass Area Homemaker Contact Information
4. Chairman program of work reports
5. Awards and Contests
6. State KEHA contact information

BGA Officer training held July 29, 2016 discussed the main goals for the next three years - Reach, Teach and Inspire. Discussed various ways of increasing membership - Look at new avenues, - Young People with specialty clubs,- Mailbox membership and gifting a mailbox membership. The 3 for 3 was discussed and explained how we are going to increase membership by 1,000 by January 1, 2019 and the cash rewards available for each county meeting their goals. Each person received a blue bucket filled with various items relating to our homemaker meetings but does not require talent.

Grace Gorrell was our featured speaker, "How full is your bucket", each of us have an invisible bucket and when our bucket is full, we feel great but when it is empty, we feel awful Grace has been involved with the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment for over 30 years. She currently teaches leadership studies and also does leadership training through her company, Lead with Grace. She is passionate about helping others grow as leaders.

Bluegrass Area Fall Craft Festival was held on Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15, over 29 various classes were taught these two days, everything from Acrylic Flower painting to Soda Can Angels.

Our Bluegrass Annual meeting was held at Georgetown College on Friday, October 21, 2016. We had an outstanding attendance and our primary focus was "Kentucky". Our tables were decorated with various bottles and flowers from Kentucky, table favors of Ale 8, cookies shaped like our state and small cloth jewelry holders made from UK cloth and to keep our theme, our delicious catered meal consisted of fried chicken and biscuits. Our distinguished speaker was Dr. J. Larry Hood, who spoke on the topic of "What is a Kentuckian?".

Each of you have been provided with a blue bucket which we will now discuss - 10 things that require zero talent.

Respectfully submitted,
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Bluegrass Area President