

LOUISVILLE AREA PRESIDENT'S REPORT for JULY 1, 2017 –JUNE 30, 2018

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The Louisville Area consists of seven counties, Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble. Each county works hard in promoting and supporting Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association.

Each county homemaker member volunteer for numerous community projects, 4-H Reality Store, SOS, Project Graduation, Library assistance, Health Department, School Reading Program and so much more. Each county supports and contributes to Ovarian Cancer Research, Coins for Change and Scholarships.

Bullitt County:

Cedar Grove club works with "Marty's Kitchen" at the first Baptist Church in Shepherdsville serving the homeless. They are also in charge of the "Santa Shop" each December where children of the homeless or low income can come and pick out gifts for their parents. They served 45 children in December 2017. They place hats, gloves and scarves in plastic bags and hang on poles in assorted areas of the county for anyone to take as needed. They made reusable sanitary pads for the women in Haiti.

The Brooks club has started a project of crocheting covers for fragile water filters sent to third world countries. They also make mats from plastic bags to give to the homeless in Bullitt and Jefferson counties. They have made 1,100 pillow cases for children at Kosair Children's Hospital.

Their Heritage club handed out and demonstrated making pillow cases and neck coolers at the 2018 Kentucky State Fair bring awareness to the KEHA and the county homemakers.

Henry County:

The country Ladies Homemaker club was recognized at the 2017/2018 KEHA State meeting by receiving 1st place in Leadership Development and 3rd place in Family and Individual Development for the amazing tea party they held at the Twin Oaks assisted living home in Henry County.

An annual Holiday Bazaar is hosted by the county homemakers. The bazaar is for local arts/crafts and entrepreneurial that promote and sale their goods. This is a well attended event and the community looks forward to this event. This will be the 26th year for the event.

Jefferson County:

Jefferson County Homemakers hosted the Louisville Area Annual Meeting for 2017/2018. With the date being moved up by six months these homemakers stepped up and welcomed 109 members to the event. The site selected was the "Fernley Moremen Landing, an 1837 home and estate located in Jefferson County on the Ohio River with lots of history. The tour guide provided very detailed information on the home and the furnishings.

In 2017/2018 year these homemakers have volunteered more than 19,923 hours towards schools, church and the extension. Forty-one of the members reported holding office in other groups using leadership training gained through extension training. They have collected monthly 200 personal goods and clothing items for the homeless. Over \$1,000.00 is donated so that water and snacks can be given to our veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Louisville and provides a meal at "Gilda's Place" for cancer survivors and their families.

Oldham County:

The Oldham County Homemakers hosted "Autumn Colors Craft Show" in September 2017. The homemakers and venders sold handmade or homemade items. The proceeds of \$943.00 were distributed between two scholarships and 4-H sponsorship for camp.

Oldham County's Poplar Grove Homemakers club was honored at the 2017/2018 State and Area Annual Meeting for having the most volunteer hours of 21,535 in the State.

Shelby County:

These Homemakers have paid tribute to our Veterans and their families for the past 12 years. Hosting a reception with no political speakers yet having guest speakers that were soldiers of various wars. Shelby County Homemakers received 2nd place at KEHA State meeting for their Community Service project.

Spencer County:

They stay busy with numerous community projects. One of these projects is hosting a "Spaghetti Dinner" for Habitat for Humanity. They support and contribute to Backpack Buddies, Pillowcases for Foster Children, Community Baby Shower, Water Step, State Fair demos, Spencer County Special Olympics and much more.

Trimble County:

In keeping with the state motto "Exploring our Heritage" at the Trimble County Annual Meeting 2017/2018 year, they had the Kentucky Dulcimer as their entertainment providing not only wonderful music but information on the history of the dulcimer instrument. They assist with various projects in their community and with KEHA. They have hosted or assisted with cooking classes, sewing demonstration and annual Holiday Open House.