

President's Report
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
Fort Harrod Area

Anderson, Boyle, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Mercer, Woodford
Wendy Hood, President

Because in-person meetings were not allowed for a good portion of the year, many of our clubs found ways to meet in compliance with COVID guidelines. However, we have many older member who were not able to use technology such as Zoom, so we also had many clubs that had no meeting for an extended period. And sadly, more than usual of our members passed away during the year.

All monthly newsletters continued, which helped us feel connected and in touch.

Two Agents teamed up to teach virtual quilting classes

One county gave a \$1,000 scholarship to an FCS or related major. Another county gave a \$500 scholarship with no restriction other than the recipient must be a child or grandchild of a Homemaker in that county. There were two scholarships available that no one applied for.

Our Area had 100% participation in donating to ovarian cancer research.

One county read several books from the KEHA Book List as well as starting their own traveling book club, exchanging books among themselves.

Our members supported our farmer's markets.

Outreach and Fundraisers

Members in several counties donated to local food pantries, volunteered at local food pantries, and delivered for Meals on Wheels. In one county, a club is responsible to donate to the food pantry each month, with all clubs donating in December.

One county had a big flood, and Homemakers in that county collected cleaning supplies and monetary donations for the flood victims to aid in clean-up. They

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worked with local government agencies and the community center to distribute the supplies where needed.

Our members did fundraisers for Coins for Change, KEHA Clean Water and Sanitation, local fire department toy drive, Coats for Kids, the Women's Shelter, the Sunshine Center, as well as other local charities.

A couple counties collected money and items for the backpack program.

One county had an on-line silent auction.

One county had a Secret Santa Craft Sale: Clubs sell homemade crafts priced from \$.25 to \$3.00 to children aged 4 through 12. The proceeds go to a variety of projects.

I can confirm our Area made 700 masks, but not all counties gave me a number so our members made more than that, as well as walker covers for the nursing home.

As COVID guidelines eased up this fall we held events such as picnics to get people back together. Box lunches replaced our usual pot-luck style, and COVID-appropriate games were chosen. We used the picnics as well as set up tables at Extension Open Houses and local festivals to attract prospective members.

We are optimistic as we head into this new Homemaker year!