

PENNYRILE AREA PRESIDENT'S REPORT YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

Our clubs have been very active this year with a variety of activities.

Caldwell County provided cookies for the monthly Red Cross Blood Drive, donated to the HOPE and COPE family resource center and to the Backpack Program. They also provided a volunteer at a local Dr.'s office and worked with the 4-H Youth. They hosted the Souper Bowl of Caring and collected over 500 non-perishable food items for a local food pantry.

Christian County participates in the Truth & Consequences program at Hopkinsville High School. They continue to support their community through mini grants for local non-profit organizations as well as an annual college scholarship for a high school graduate. They participate in the Rotary Club Auction, Community Reader Day and the Founder's Square Feast.

Crittenden County continues to be active in Community projects. They award a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating senior and provide a Manners Program for 3rd & 4th grade students.

Hopkins County donated over \$1,800.00 to organizations that included the Hopkins County Library, Coins for Change and Baptist Health Madisonville. Members also participated in the Library Cupcake Wars and made blankets for medically fragile children in Hopkins County. Individual clubs also donated to local food banks, clothing drives and participated in recycling programs. Their youngest member is 19 years old and the most seasoned member is 101 years young. One of their clubs include a family of three generations.

Lyon County saves coupons for soldiers, box tops for the Elementary School and Best Choice labels for the Food Bank. They donated to Joseph's Joy Prom, and provided scholarships for 4-H Camp and to a graduating senior. One of the clubs, adopts a family for the year and provides holiday and birthday gifts. They hold a "Pretend Store" early in December and provide gift items for the entire family and the pre-school children are invited to come and shop. They had 43 entries in the Cultural Arts day with 31 earning ribbons. They are involved in a wide variety of activities, which include a Genealogy Club, Book Club, Nursing Home Project, Membership Drive, Homemaker History, 4-H Embroidery Class and hosted a AARP Driver Training Course.

Muhlenberg County has 136 members and 7 different Clubs, which include a basic sewing group, travel club and library club. They gave 125 pillow cases and 8 quilts to The Center for Courageous Kids. They made salvations dolls to go to Africa and other items for women in 3rd world countries. Trophy Homemakers made pillow case dresses and little boy shorts to go to Guatemala. They held their annual bean supper and had a live auction to raise money for Ovarian Cancer Research. \$3200.00 was donated to UK for the Research. They received 3 awards at the State Meeting for their Research donations. They held an ice cream social to

start the year and 7 new members resulted from this evening. Homemakers helped read stories and shared snacks with area elementary schools. Farmer's Market held a plant/bulb swap and a chili cook off between the homemakers and the cattlemen. Apron Friends adopted 2 members from an area rest home to give Christmas and birthday gifts. They participated in a day at The Courtyard, which is a retirement home in Central City and played bingo and furnished prizes for the residents. The Homemakers helped with the Penquin Plunge by contributing money and serving hot chocolate. The Annual Day was held in May and a \$500.00 Scholarship was given to a deserving Senior.

Todd County finished a 3 year project of focusing on improving quality of lives of children. The first year, they made blankets to give to first responders and social workers. The second year, they provided the local cabinet for families and children workers with toiletries, socks, toys and gifts to give to their foster children. The third year, they reached out to children served by the Family Resource Centers and provided them with socks, hats, scarves and gloves. They continue to support the Pennyrile Allied Community Services food bank, the Backpack program and Christmas Angels. Several clubs have started supporting Grace and Mercy in Hopkinsville, a non-denominational, non-profit house dedicated to empowering women in crisis.

The Pennyrile Area Homemakers are a very busy group of men and women. Each County supports the UK Ovarian Cancer Research and most counties, if not all, support the Coins for Change. Going through the 7 out of 9 reports I received it is obvious that they are actively involved in their communities in a very large way.

Personally I'm very proud of all our Counties and their clubs. They are very busy and provide many necessary services in their communities. I was very fortunate to be able to attend the County Annual Days of Caldwell, Hopkins, Lyon, Muhlenberg and Todd this year.

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