

LINCOLN TRAIL AREA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009

The Homemakers clubs in our eight counties have been especially busy this past year. Most of the counties celebrated the 75th birthday of KEHA with local gatherings and also many going to Frankfort to be recognized by the governor. All members support the Ovarian Cancer Screening with donations and many do the actual screenings. The Barn Quilt project is still growing. The Arts Council's web site (artscouncil.ky.gov/Qtrails/Qtrails.htm) shows the locations of many of these beautiful works of art which promote tourism and keep history alive. All the counties participated in the Holiday Bazaar where agents demonstrated main dishes and two homemakers from each county made their favorite recipe so tasting was available. Booklets with each recipe were passed out to all participants. The county fairs in the Lincoln Trail area all benefit from the hours the homemakers put in to organize and arrange all the entries in the many categories. Our 4-H sewing clubs benefit from homemakers volunteer time and monetary support.

While every county does many of the same things to help their community, each has other things they are especially proud. Following is a brief summary of the individual counties:

Breckinridge County had a yard sale and bakes sales to provide two traditional scholarships and one non-traditional scholarship each year. They provided a luncheon for Fiscal Court and host an International Day program along with providing food for Migrant workers. The area's second vice-president and the State Management and Safety Chairman are from this county.

Grayson County homemakers hosted their annual Senior Social at the local high school and presented a \$500 scholarship at awards night. They hosted the Ohio County Homemaker Council for an exchange of ideas, program of work, etc. and participated in the Honey Festival Cooking Contest.

Hardin County homemakers produced a thirty minute video at the local Education Television Channel which is operated under the Hardin County School System. This video featured several past county presidents and present club presidents and council members. The show was aired several times over a three week period on their local channel. The Homemakers' annual Christmas Bazaar raised money for scholarships for graduating seniors.

LaRue County homemakers worked hard on the Lincoln Bicentennial events in 2008 and 2009. Several of them were trained to act as official "Ambassadors" for the many events. The homemakers contributed to downtown Hodgenville's holiday lighting activities by helping to furnish refreshments at the annual tree lighting ceremony. Each year, the Extension Homemaker Clubs donate over \$4000 in funds or items to local, state or international projects or charities. They also give over 9,000 volunteer hours.

Marion County is especially proud of their new Extension Office. The homemakers made and donated the quilt hanging in the conference room. With their new, young agent the homemakers are hoping to be re-energized with new ideas and new members. The area president, the first vice-president, and the leadership chair are from Marion County.

Meade County designed a Meade County Afghan depicting 12 local scenes. A brochure describing the location of each scene was created and given with each purchase of an afghan. The Homemakers cooked and served 75-80 military personnel who were in the county working on a Habitat House. For all their many works, the Homemakers were awarded the Outstanding Community Award from Meade County Farm Bureau.

Nelson County hosted the 2008 Area Annual Meeting. \$915 was raised at this meeting for Pennies for Friendship. Bethany Haven, a temporary shelter for mothers and children, benefited from the work the homemakers did in collecting personal items and helping with the Annual Golf Tournament that support the shelter. In October, the Homemakers held a successful "Lunch and Learn" luncheon with the theme "Crockpot Meals". This was held to recruit new members.

Washington County homemakers served over 800 lunches to children in the housing authority during the summer and donated \$500 for the 4-H Back Pack Program. They baked cakes for the Lincoln Wedding Celebration. They also have a very active sewing group and quilter group that meet monthly. They donated 1984 ounces of beef stew to the Community Action's "Make a Difference Day".