

## **PURCHASE AREA EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS**

### **Spring Report – March 2009**

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The Purchase Area Extension Homemakers remain active with a membership of 1,111 and 69 active clubs.

Other interesting highlights of the Purchase Area this past year include:

- ◆ County Annual Meetings were held in 7 counties with a total attendance of 430.
- ◆ All Eight counties contributed 100% to the Ovarian Cancer Project.
- ◆ Purchase Area attendees at the 2008 KEHA Meeting numbered 59.

#### **BALLARD COUNTY**

- ◇ Homemaker' Relay for Life team raised over \$5,000.
- ◇ Sponsored a Christmas Tour of Homes with over 100 attending.
- ◇ Presented a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior.

#### **CALLOWAY COUNTY**

- ◇ Approximately 15 quilts and afghans were collected and donated to the Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville, Kentucky. The new club, Sew-Connected Quilters, is making quilts for the center. This club is for beginning quilters.
- ◇ Scholarships and leadership training costs are supported by an annual poinsettia sale. Over 1,300 plants were sold this year.
- ◇ An Ovarian Cancer benefit raised approximately \$400. A Cultural Arts entry, Tom Turkey, was used as a prop at Area Annual Day. Pictures were taken with Tom for \$1.00 each. Also, a picture CD of the meeting was created and made available for donations to the fund.

#### **CARLISLE COUNTY**

- ◇ A holiday foods tasting gala drew 150 participants.
- ◇ Organized a new special interest "Foods Club" with many young members.
- ◇ Sponsored six blood drives by donating a \$50 bond at each drive.

#### **FULTON COUNTY**

- ◇ Monthly birthday parties have been presented for residents of a local nursing and rehabilitation center for more than 37 years; handcrafted Christmas gifts are made and presented to each resident at the December party.
- ◇ The 35<sup>th</sup> annual bake sale for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital was held, with over \$400 raised.
- ◇ International month was observed in February by preparing African foods and learning about Ghana's history and culture from Virginia Langford, Graves County FCS Agent, who visited Africa last year.

## GRAVES COUNTY

- ◇ Took advantage of free homemakers' publicity by preparing five window displays during the Purchase District Fair. Displays included pillow slip dresses made for African children, 'Remembering the Past while Looking to the Future,' 'Going Green,' 'Hats Off to Homemakers,' and a patriotic theme.
- ◇ More free publicity came from staffing a homemakers' booth at Glory Days Festival on July 4<sup>th</sup>. A display presented the UK Ovarian Cancer Research Project and the free screening available in our area; informative leaflets on the KEHA and packaged hand wipes were distributed; and recycling bins were set up.
- ◇ Helped 34 children (K – age 12) assemble and paint cars made from gourds and race them at the Gourd Patch Festival. While handing out printed information on the homemakers program, individual clubs set up booths to sell foods, crafts, and learn gourd painting.

## HICKMAN COUNTY

- ◇ Hosted Sixth Annual Taste of the Holidays, with extra fund raising by sale of the new *Taste of Hickman County* cookbook.
- ◇ Hosted annual Appreciation Breakfast for the county Fiscal Court and supervisors.
- ◇ Provided Christmas gifts for 2 families; continued giving to Ovarian Cancer Fund.

## MARSHALL COUNTY

- ◇ Raised money for Ovarian Cancer Research Fund through bake sales, craft bazaars, yard sales, etc.
- ◇ Hosted birthday parties, bingo, and monthly Extension Homemaker lessons at nursing homes throughout the county.
- ◇ Hosted workdays to make items for Project Linus, Baby Cakes, and Bags of Love.

## McCRACKEN COUNTY

- ◇ Displayed homemakers' community involvement, lessons, upcoming events, and information on becoming a KEHA member at the Real Women's Expo.
- ◇ Emergency Preparedness Workshop featured speakers from Red Cross, Emergency Management, and First Responders. Discussed the importance of being prepared for the first 72 hours after a disaster using handouts, displays, and pictures.
- ◇ 'Breads and Spreads' workshop demonstrated making various breads and spreads, followed by a taste-testing.