



# CONNECTION

## From the top.....Linda Kaletch

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

*I just can't say it enough. What a wonderful State Meeting we had in May at the Galt House in Louisville. "Hat's off to Homemakers" who helped to make our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting a huge success. Thanks go first and foremost to our outgoing KEHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Carol Perkins, who co-coordinated the program with the help of the Louisville Area Extension Homemakers, led by their President Peggy Townsend. Thanks also to the FCS agents from the Louisville Area. We make a great team. We are very close to our \$1,000,000 goal for Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. I certainly appreciate all of the extra efforts from all across the state. I believe next year will be the year we surpass that \$1 Million goal. Then we can begin on our second million. Dr. Van Nagal and Dr. Pavlik have written letters thanking us for our continued efforts to help save lives in Kentucky with this important research.*

*Thanks also to all of you who attended the meeting in Louisville. I enjoyed seeing many friends and talking with many members. I was pleased that we had so many first-time attendees. I'm sure it won't be your last. We are working hard to continue our traditions as well as looking toward the future of our association. We are a very vital part of our communities all across the state. Your volunteer service in your part of the state is the best indicator of our value to our families and communities.*

*I introduced the 2008-09 NVON project "In Common" at the KEHA Fall Board Meeting and I hope you will become interested in this way to help children in foster care. It is called "[It's My Very Own: Bags of Love](#)" For more information contact your Area President or go to [www.imvo.org](http://www.imvo.org) The project has a chapter in McCracken County and those Homemakers have been working hard to provide for the needs of foster children. I hope you will also become involved in your county. Please let me know what you are doing with this project.*

*In April of 2010, the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) will hold it's triennial Meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas, USA. As a society member of ACWW since 1936, we are being asked to contribute \$1.00 per member to help with the funding of that meeting. It has been several years since we hosted this world meeting. I also encourage KEHA members to attend and meet ladies from all over the world. Please contribute your donation of \$1.00 this year or next year with your dues. Thank you for helping to make this meeting a success.*

*Take time this summer to read your newsletter and to stay active with your Extension Homemakers. Keep up the good work.*

### Inside this issue:

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### COMING SOON !!!

**ALL KEHA CHAIRMEN  
WILL HAVE A LINK TO  
THEIR PROGRAM OF  
WORK, REPORT FORMS,  
AND SPECIAL EVENTS  
ON THE KEHA WEB  
SITE AT  
[WWW.KEHA.ORG](http://WWW.KEHA.ORG)**



## Meet Your New Officers and Board Members



### ELECTION RESULTS FROM THE 2009 KEHA ANNUAL MEETING AND NEW TREASURER

Susan Hansford has been elected 1st VP for the years 2008-2011. She is married and from Somerset. She enjoys playing the piano, cooking, gardening, and shopping. She is involved in various organization in her county. She is retired from a Japanese auto parts producing company where she worked human resources and she enjoys planning special events.

Donna Shoemaker was elected to serve as Food, Nutrition and Health Chairman. She was appointed to the position in March 2007 and was elected to serve a full term at this year's annual meeting. Married for 29 years, she resides in Tollesboro and enjoys all kinds of crafts and needlework, gardening, cooking and singing.

Helen Eden, Environment, Housing and Energy, Chairman is from Berea. She is married, enjoys crafts, sewing, reading and watching basketball. She is a music director and serves in several other capacities in her church.

Rene` Siria was elected to the position of Leadership Chairman. She is married, lives in Frankfort, has two children and two grandchild. Rene` enjoys traveling, reading and crafts. She is involved in many community organizations and community events.

### New Treasurer Confirmed

At the May Annual Meeting, there were no nominees for Treasurer. Ultimately, Marena Nelson has accepted the position of Treasurer. The Executive Committee confirmed her appointment at the July board meeting. She is from the Floyd County, in the Northeast Area. She is married and has 2 daughters, 2 stepsons, 6 grandchildren and 3 step-grand children. Hobbies include cross stitching, quilting, and singing in the choir. You may contact her

by internet at [marena@mikrotec.com](mailto:marena@mikrotec.com)  
or mail at 961 Stephens Branch Road, Martin, KY 41649.



## Cultural Arts Updates Barb Seiter

The Cultural Arts Exhibit was great. A total of 663 items were displayed and 266 blue ribbons awarded. There were 89 Creative Writing entries. Due to the exceptional quality of entries the judges gave an additional honorable mention in all three categories. Way to go writers! Congratulations to everyone. Thank you to all who helped at the State Meeting. The Cultural Arts exhibit could not be done without you Thank you. Thank you!!!

### Category changes

- **Separated** Jewelry from the Beading

Beading includes

- a) non jewelry/wearable,
- b) knitting or crochet,
- c) bead weaving,
- d) misc.

Jewelry consists of

- a) original design,
- b) beaded,
- c) mixed media.

- **Added** Novelty/Machine quilted to the Quilting Category.

- **Deleted** Whole Cloth.

- **Added** Pen & Ink with Oil Rouging in drawing
- All changes will be in the new manual available on the website.



## International Focus

### ACWW Millennium Goals

- Support ACWW, CWC, NVON in our International Projects.
- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
- Achieve universal and Primary education.
- Promote gender equality and empower women.
- Reduce child mortality.
- Improve maternal health.
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.
- Develop a global partnership for development.
- Ensure environmental stability.

**Goals:** Educate and provide an understanding of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals with emphasis on: Empowering Women, Poverty & Hunger in USA and Managing Women's Health Care.

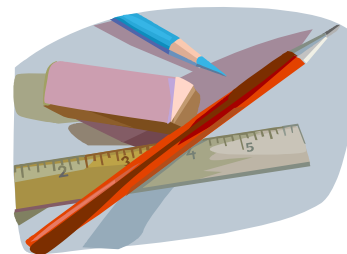
## Kentucky Academy Linda Heflin, International Chairman

The next three years, KEHA International county projects will focus on the **Kentucky Academy**, a kindergarten in Adjeikrom. Located in Ghana, Africa, this under developed country is in great need of help. These children are eager to learn. For 2008-2009, I challenge homemakers to make a difference for this school and these children. The International plaque will be given to the county that raises most money per membership. Complete information can be found on page 71 of the Handbook.

Cash donations are *desperately* needed.

If you would like to donate items here is a suggested wish list of back to school items that can be shipped to the Kentucky Academy. Please place items below in a zipper lock bag.

- composition note book
- primary paper
- 1-pkg. of pencils
- 1-pkg. of color pencils,
- erasers, pencil sharpener, ruler
- 1-pkg. of moist towelettes/hand wipes
- stickers suitable for kindergarten ages
- youth toothbrush and tooth paste.



There is a need for Teaching Materials and suitable books. Items will be collected at the Spring Board meeting of 2009. They will be shipped to Ghana in time for the school year of 2009.

### UK CORNER

On May 12, I joined 20 other people from the University of Kentucky and Prairie View A&M University on a journey to Ghana, Africa. From the King's Palace of the powerful Ashanti region, one of the oldest kingdoms in the world; to the Cocoa Research Center, which featured Ghana's largest agricultural product; to the University of Ghana, the Elmina Slave Castle, the Kumasi Bizarre and the list goes on; we saw the multi-facets of Ghana's past, present, and future.

The highlight of our trip was our visit to the Kentucky Academy, a kindergarten for children in the village of Adjeikrom. We were greeted with great fanfare. The community band met our bus and marched us to the center of the village for our welcome festivities. It was an incredible experience to be among the villagers and hear about their dreams for their school and the Kentucky Academy. The citizens of the village were kind and warm hosts. We met many local officials and toured the Kentucky Academy as well as the elementary school next door to the Academy, I was struck with how little resources for education are available and how eager everyone is for their children to be educated.

The Kentucky Academy is a two classroom building with a small teacher's office between the two classrooms. There is no electricity so that means no lights or fans. In addition there is no running water. There is a water tank to the side of the building, which is used for hand washing. Lunch for the kindergarten is prepared in a nearby hut with a grass thatched roof. Due to the limited facilities, lunch is not prepared for grade's 1-6. In my walk through the school, I quickly discovered a lack of furniture. There were about 12 chairs and 1 tables in the kindergarten. Everyone else stands throughout the day. The only paper available for student use is a pupil booklet of approximately 20 pages, which is distributed by the federal government of Ghana. The chalkboard was a portion of one wall painted black. I saw no other paper, school supplies, etc. I counted fewer than 10 books that were in heavily used condition. The students were enthusiastic and eager to learn. It broke my heart— we have so much and they have so little. I am deeply grateful that KEHA as decided to support the Kentucky Academy for their international project. Linda Heflin will have more information for you regarding the project.

I hope to lead a group to Ghana during summer 2009. I invite you to consider joining me on this life-changing journey. If you would like to receive information regarding the trip, please let me know by emailing be at [ann.vail@uky.edu](mailto:ann.vail@uky.edu).

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