LICKING RIVER AREA PRESIDENTS REPORT 2019-2020

The Licking River Area Extension Homemakers used our motto to "grow by doing". This year has been a big challenge because of COVID-19, but we are trying to continue our homemaker activities

Having so much success with our last year's area wide project we decided to do another project, we gave each county \$100.00 grants to use to start their project. They are to use this grant to start a project in their county to aid in some way with the COVID19. Our counties are working on these projects and it seems to be progressing nicely.

Another project training our area officers and committee chairman, we did this with officers one day and chairman another day. The task we gave each committee chairman was to give each county at least 8 short lessons so they will have something to report to their clubs. So many clubs have reported committee chairs did not do anything, so now at least they will have materials to use at their local meetings. This project has been completed and are ready to go out to all counties.

We have been on a big campaign to keep membership up and not let it drop membership drop in our 10-county area. We know with many clubs not meeting and many clubs have older people as members, we will probably lose some clubs and members.

We are holding our annual meeting by zoom on November 5,2020 Our speaker will be the First Lady of Kentucky, who is speaking on volunteer organizations and how they can help during this medical crisis.

We served as host for the Leadership academy at Blue Licks State Park in March. We made welcome bags and did some projects to show them spots of interest in our area. It was a great experience and I think everyone who attended learned so much about being a leader, made new friends, and had fun.

Even though the year has been one change, one crisis, and very challenging all the time The Licking River Area is still "Growing By Doing" but we are finding new ways of doing.

We are a very strong, hardworking group of individuals who love homemakers enough to make things happen, our projects successful and our organization grow.

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