

2016 Mammoth Cave Area
Loretta Lyons, President

Mammoth Cave Area had a very successful year with 107 members reporting 86,500 hours of Volunteer Service all 10 counties reporting, also received reports from each county chairman to area. Only one Area chairman failed to report to the state chairman.

Allen County received first place with their project in Food, Nutrition & Health. They did a program on recognizing stroke symptoms. Shortly after, one of the attendees was able to put this into practice with a relative, possibly avoiding severe damage or even saving a life.

Barren County gave the largest donation state-wide to ovarian cancer.

Butler County Received 1st place award for fund raising for Ovarian Cancer with a live auction. Their speaker had written a book and donated a signed copy to sell. It alone raised over \$700 by being bought and donated it back for resale several times.

Edmonson County the Brownsville Homemakers club in Edmonson Co. received a \$300 mini grant from KEHA to purchase plastic pallets required to produce weighted blankets to aide those with Autism. These serve as security for those affected this condition.

Logan County was one of three counties to give over \$1000 to Ovarian Cancer Research. They are still in the running for 3 for 3 challenge on membership.

Metcalfe County placed seconded in the area in 4-H Volunteer hours, with 146 hours reported.

Monroe County had one member Marsha Rasner travel to Ghana, Africa with International Chairman, Leonidisa Mundelius and others to distribute sewing machines to a sewing cooperative. Monroe County also received special recognition for their clean water and sanitation project. A silent auction was held during International night which raised over \$700. Monroe County hosted the area Annual Meeting using the theme "Living in the Moment," with around 160 attending.

Simpson County was outstanding in the 4-H and youth development receiving 1st place in the volunteer hours with 2530 hours reported also 1st in Area with largest dollar amount given in 4-H camp scholarship.

Warren County has been without an FCS agent for most of the year, but Joanna Coles, ANR Agent is doing a wonderful job there, serving as advisor. They will be hosting the 2018 Annual meeting.

Mammoth Cave Area lost a very valuable member of the council this year. Mrs. Francis Stoops who served as secretary. She passed away shortly after attending the state meeting in Owensboro this year she was a wonderful person and sure made my job easier. Being from my county made it so convenient.

We have a brand new Extension Office in Monroe County and a new FCS Agent, Jamille Hawkins, also a returning ANR Agent Kevin Lyons, who happens to be my son. They are in process of moving this week.

