

Kentucky Branch Report 2019

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Since becoming President of the Kentucky Branch in October of 2018, I have really only begun to know what my position entails and the many wonderful service projects carried out by the eleven Circles throughout Kentucky.

We rotate our Branch Conventions between Circles and their respective localities each year meeting the first Saturday in October. All Circles are encouraged to support the International Missions through monetary donations.

Individual Circles, who do not have a 501C3 status legally are applying. This was brought to our attention when the Kentucky KDS Foundation requirement of being a 501C3 applicant for Grant approval was needed. Previously KY Branch Circles were given a donation of \$500.00 each year to be used for service projects. Although this gift has stopped, each Circle continues to fund raise and pass the monies onto needed ministries in their respective cities.

Happy to report that James and Linda Griffith were able to attend Clergy Renewal Week at Chautauqua last year as representatives of the KY Branch.

In high-lighting a few of the Circles;

The Frankfort, Silent Workers Circle have been the owners and operators of the KDS Apartments for men and women. They provide a wonderful environment for seniors. They are also responsible for providing a Nursing Scholarship to a graduating High School Senior each year.

Ashland Kentucky's four Circles combined as the Ashland City Union, give all their attention to the running of the KDS Home for Aged Men and Women, Inc. Members provide time and money to meet the needs of the residents in a safe and caring environment.

The Shelby County Union is comprised of five circles who provide community support and a four- year scholarship to a student going onto further education from high school. The student has had a valid Individual Education Plan while

attending high school. The student is encouraged by the circles to succeed and progress is monitored for success.

The Reunion Circle of Louisville celebrates the birthday of Jennie C. Benedict with a yearly luncheon in her honor. All KY Branch Circles are invited for this event. Celebrating twelve years already.

I am proud of the individual Circles and their members, who strive to serve others In His Name. Besides support of IOKDS they are committed to serving the needs in their communities. Some places that benefit are; A Place To Sleep, Ronald Mc Donald House, Men's and Women's Shelters, Home of the Innocents, Salvation Army, plus members who also give numerous hours of volunteering at local hospitals schools, and community events.

So many good works are accomplished by the dedication and commitment of the Kentucky Branch membership and I look forward to learning and serving the KY Branch as President.