Stitched Together for Success: Facilitator’s Guide

The Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for families and communities through leadership development, volunteer service and education. KEHA has a rich history of community involvement and service built upon a grassroots base of members, clubs, county organizations and area organizations. KEHA members are stitched together for success through programs, activities and the mission of the organization.

As a new KEHA year begins, consider the theme “Stitched Together for Success.”

- How are your activities ‘stitched together’ with the area and state?
- How can your organization be a vital part of the fabric of your community?
- What can you do to strengthen the seams that bind the organization?

A library of resources have been developed incorporating the theme Stitched Together for Success. These materials are designed for use at kick-off meetings and leadership trainings at all levels within the organization. Each item in the collection is described below with suggestions for use. Consider the materials available as you make plans to begin a new KEHA year.

**Stitched Together for Success Resources:**

**Logo:**
The logo developed for the 2013 KEHA State Meeting has been modified for general use. The file is available on the KEHA website.

**Thought for the Day:**
This short thought for the day can be shared at the beginning of a training or club meeting:

“Our membership is a tapestry, woven through the years, with threads of joy and laughter, happiness and tears.”

KEHA does not discriminate by gender, race, color, age, disability, religion or national origin.
**Networking/Teamwork Activity**

Templates for three quilt patterns are included at the end of this facilitator’s guide. These patterns form the basic tool needed for a simple networking/icebreaker activity as described below.

1. Select the quilt pattern or patterns to use based upon your expected attendance. You should choose the pattern or patterns that will yield one ‘piece’ per person when the patterns are cut into the small components.
2. Print the patterns in color or cut fabric pieces utilizing the patterns. If you choose fabric, be sure to use more than one fabric for each quilt pattern.
3. Give each participant a ‘piece’ from a pattern either as they arrive or when this activity begins.
4. Share with the participants that each person has a piece that will form a quilt pattern or square. The challenge is to find all of the other pieces in the room needed for their pattern.
5. Once the groups have found the ‘pieces’ needed to complete their pattern, ask them to identify the pattern.
6. Optional: To add a competitive component, offer a small prize to the group that completes their pattern first.
7. Optional: To use this as an icebreaker, instruct the group that each person will introduce another member of their quilt block. Each person making an introduction will need to know the name, club/county and a favorite hobby for the person they will introduce.

**Presentations/Handouts:**

A series of PowerPoint presentations have been developed that may be useful resources for kickoff meetings or leadership trainings. The presentations may be used individually or in any combination that fits with your agenda. The slides can be printed and used as handout materials to either supplement a presentation or in place of displaying the slides on-screen.

- **KEHA: Stitched Together for Success Overview** – This presentation includes 16 slides. It provides an introduction to the theme and focus for KEHA for 2013-2014, shares information about the 2013 membership contest, includes general tips and suggestions for clubs and counties, and reviews important dates for 2013-2014.
- **KEHA 2013-2014: Roles and Responsibilities** – This presentation includes 19 slides describing general duties for area, county and club leaders and members.
- **KEHA 2013-2014: Celebrating Our Impact** – The annual program of work reports provide information about activities, events and programs related to each chairmanship focus. This presentation includes 12 slides that share information about annual reports, reviews deadlines, and summarizes data and impacts from the reports for the 2011-2012 KEHA program year.
- **KEHA 2013-2014: Working Together** – Each of the eight KEHA Educational Chairmen implement a 3-year program of work. The 12 slides in this presentation showcase the emphasis for each chairmanship for 2013-2014 and share information about special contests and recognitions.

**Installation Ceremony:**

An installation ceremony outline/script has been developed incorporating the theme “Stitched Together for Success” and utilizing tools for sewing and/or quilting for symbolism to each office or position. This installation ceremony was designed for use by clubs, counties or areas as desired during 2013-2014.
Bowtie Pattern
Pinwheel Pattern