

South West District Director

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Serving as the South West District Director for the last few years has been an honor and privilege. All the memories and people I have met and had the opportunity to work with has been a blessing.

Attending different Club meetings, meeting new people and learning how others do things have been a boon to my consistent quest for knowledge.

**BOONVILLE** The annual Christmas tree Decorating contest at the museum was a success, their tree was done in a garden theme. The Community and High School clubs are invited to use the scenery for picture backdrop. They have a full slate for new officers. They also enjoyed a lovely Christmas/fellowship meeting where the donations were donated for children's delinquent lunch accounts.

**CHRISTMAS LAKE VILLAGE** This just might be the busiest time of the year. The club helps answer letters from around the world that want letters postmarked Santa Claus Land. They help with the lights and making sure Santa & Mrs Santa make an appearance. They also host cookies and cocoa at Rudolphs village.

**NEW HARMONY** This is the 3rd or 4th year that they have met and made Holiday Swags for the Historic Buildings in New Harmony. At a workday they winterized the gardens and then went for coffee and fellowship. They will install a new president in the spring.

**PETERSBURG** took a field trip to Family Roots to see Christmas plants and decorations. They also went to Huntingburg for exploration. They held pitch-in Christmas Lunch and fellowship.

**PRINCETON** The club has been very active at Lyle's Station helping bring more life to this Historical "town" of South West Indiana. Their work has helped bring knowledge to the youth and community. Always maintaining regular garden spots.

**WASHINGTON** We took a field trip to a Walnut Grove a local couple spent more that 10 years developing. They purchased 100 trees each year, the most recent were planted 5 years ago, he said probably have 875 of the original 1000 planted. A Daviess County Master Gardener shared about growing special gourds that turn into loofahs. She explained the process and offered seeds to all those that want to try their hand at growing. No one wants to be an officer SO I introduced a new position, "Conductress". A different Member signed up for each month next year. This position will call the meeting to order, lead the pledge of allegiance, and lead the club collect. (In my mind this is "President in Training".)

Respectively Submitted by

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