Alpha Rho - Kansas Chapter April 2002



# **EPSILON SIGMA PHI**

The Cooperative Extension Professional's Organization

National Honorary Extension Fraternity

Marie Blythe, Editor

# Notes from the President Beth Hinshaw, President, Alpha Rho Chapter

Thanks for choosing to be a member of the Alpha-Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. Our strength is in our membership of current and retired staff who represent all disciplines and levels of the Kansas Extension System. Together, we can fulfill the ESP mission to foster standards of excellence in the extension system and develop the extension profession and professionals. This work is carried out mainly through our committees. If you are not on a committee, but would like to be, please contact me.

In February, Marie Blythe and I represented the chapter at the North Central Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Workshop in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This meeting gave us the opportunity to connect with the National Board, meet ESP Leaders from across the region, and exchange ideas and information. It was great to learn from other chapters, share some of our chapter's recent success, and learn more about the direction of the national organization.

Daryl Buchholz will represent our chapter at the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference in Arlington, Virginia, in late April. Daryl and the other representatives from the Kansas agents' associations will enhance their public policy skills, learn about the changing political climate, and visit with Kansas legislators. Congratulations to Daryl on receiving a National ESP Scholarship to attend this event!

The ESP National Conference is scheduled for October 16-19, 2002, Lexington, KY. This will be an excellent opportunity for professional development. The theme for the meeting is "Call to the Post: Creating Strategies for the Future." There is a talented lineup of keynote speakers, and there will be a number of concurrent sessions offered to enhance leadership and technical skills needed by extension professionals to face the challenges of tomorrow. Registration will be available this spring. Watch the National ESP Web site <a href="http://espnational.org">http://espnational.org</a>.

People have told me that the National ESP Professional Development conference is one of the best they ever attend. I plan to attend this outstanding event and hope you will make plans to do the same.

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#### Have a Vision

It is of paramount importance that every extension worker have a vision. When the work for the year has been mapped out and the calendar of work adapted to it, try to visualize the results which should be obtained. Leave nothing undone which might contribute toward success. No really worthwhile undertaking has ever been carried to a successful completion without careful and definite plans being made in advance.

Taken from: The Extension Worker's Code by T. J. Talbert. Extension Bulletin No. 33, February, 1922

# Keep Your Eye on the Big Things

Everywhere we see workers neglecting the big things to attend to the little. While they are doing some little detail that should be left to a clerk, a stenographer, or an office boy, they lose sight of some great advantage which they might have gained – some real problem they might have solved, had they been free to attend to it. No one is great enough to be a leader and at the same time bury himself in details. Either the big things or the little things must predominate; the one is sure to outweigh the other.

# Alpha Rho Chapter Officers

Officers and board members of the Alpha Rho Chapter were installed at the Annual Meeting, October 17, 2001.

President - Beth Hinshaw

Vice President - Daryl Buchholz

Secretary - Trudy Rice

Treasurer - Stacey Warner

Historian - Sandra Wick

Editor - Marie Blythe

Council Directors:

Terry Mannell - NW

Gary Gold - SW

Carl Garten - SC

Susan Latta - NE

Connie Hoch - SE

Ray Lamond - KSU

Larry Corah - Retiree

# Awards Presented at Annual Meeting



Kansas extension professionals were honored last fall at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards Banquet held during Annual Conference. Congratulations to the 2001award winners!

**State Friend of Extension** - Ray Purdy

**Retiree Service Award - Max Morris** 

**Meritorious Service Awards:** 

County - Laurie Chandler

County - Vicky Overley

State Distinguished Service Award - Katey Walker

Mid Career Award - Kathy Wright

Early Career Award - Susie Latta

#### **Horizon Member Awards:**

County - Peggy Berrier Boyd

County - Chris Rost

Area - Emily Nolting

State - Karen Blakeslee

#### **International Service Award - Warren Prawl**

#### State Team Award:

Camp Action Team

JoEllen Arnold, John Beckman, Glenn Brunkow, Al Davis, Ann Domsch, Pat Fultz, Amy Gerdes, Marilyn Glenn, Karla Hightower, Beth Hinshaw, Susie Latta, Shawna Mitchell, Cathy Musick, Andrea Schmidt, and Nadine Sigle.

Rock Springs 4-H Center: Gordon Hibbard. Youth representatives: Andy Gallimore, Bobby Gallimore, Theresa Kasper, and Elsie Tucker.

# New Members of Alpha Rho Chapter

Extension professionals with five or more years experience become active members of Alpha Rho Chapter and National Epsilon Sigma Phi. Professionals with less than five years become associate active members of Kansas Alpha Rho Chapter.

New members of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi are:

Andrea Addison Leah Charbonneau Wendy Jasper Frannie Miller Jason Stallman Laura Thomas Barbara Addison Andrea Giefer Ginger Kopfer Andrea Schmidt Amy Terrill Robert Wolf

# Retirement Program Equity Receives Setback

Epsilon Sigma Phi--Alpha Rho Chapter's long-standing support to achieve more retirement program equity with the other systems in Kansas Research and Extension and Regents Universities has received another setback.

The state's projected severe budgetary shortfall, and related concerns have focused attention on all new/changed funding increases. Therefore, the plan to finally seek the legislative authorization to allow Extension to self-fund a 4+4 supplement to CSRS retirement contributions for that portion of K-State Research & Extension employees still on CSRS, to start in FY 04 (July, 2003), has been postponed another year according to an announcement from Dean/Director Marc Johnson, first mentioned in an e-mail Feb. 8.

ESP-AR leadership and D. Schafer, Committee Chair, were consulted about these possibilities as the strategies for this legislative session were being decided. It's a big disappointment, but probably realistic under these circumstances. Plan B will be discussed as this legislative session closes.

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103 - Life Members

3 - Natl Only

9 - Ks Only

115 - Total

# Alpha Rho Chapter Epsilon Sigma Phi The Cooperative Extension Professional's Organization

# 2002 Membership

## Active and Associate Members

**Northeast Area** 

Laurie R Chandler Leah Charbonneau\*\* Michael Christian Karen Sue Elliott\*\* Elizabeth Farmer\*\* Patricia Gerhardt Elizabeth Hecht Glenda L Keller Carolyn King\*\* Ginger Kopfer\*\* Milton J Krainbill Alan J Ladd Eugene Lanham Susan A Latta James L Lindquist David Lott\*\* Diane D Mack Emily R Mark Donna Martinson Gregory W McClure Chiquita Miller-Henry\*\* Nancy C Nelson Kathryn L Lupfer-Nielsen Emily Nolting\*\* Sy Nyhart Charles E Otte Trudy Rice Chris Rost\*\* **Tandy Rundus** Andrea Schmidt\*\* Deanna L Sweat Nada Thoden Gary Tordrup\*\* Deanna Turner Michael Vogt Becky Welton\*\*

#### **Northwest Area**

Jennifer Wilson

Angela Abts\*\* Libby Curry Terrence L Mannell Carla M Morrical-Frederking Anna Muir\*\* Vicky N Overley D'Ette Scholtz\*\* Nadine Sigle Jason Stallman\*\*

John Stannard Amy Terrill\*\* Keith P VanSkike Tranda Watts Reba White Sandra L Wick

#### **South Central Area**

Andrea Addison\*\* Jodi L Besthorn Jean K Clarkson-Frisbie Denise G Dias Elizabeth V Drescher Beverly K Dunning Everett K Everson Jr Carl H Garten Kevin Herbel Beth Ann Hinshaw Phyllis Y Howerton Janice McMahon Sherrie M Mahoney Dennis Main\*\* Brvan Manny Frannie Miller\*\* Linda J Mirt Robert Neier Mary L Odle Eric Otte Margaret E Phillips Mark A Schwarzentraub Jenell M Smith Laura Thomas\*\* Marilvn Toellner Pamela I Van Horn Marsha K Weaver Steven A Westfahl

#### **Southeast Area**

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Jean L Rowland Joseph M Smith Ann J Sparke Janet F Stephens

#### **Southwest Area**

Conall Addison Eugene Algrim Robert Frisbie Amy Gerdes Andrea Giefer\*\* Garrett L Gold Paul Hartman Nancy L Honig Wendy Jasper\*\* Elizabeth J LaToush Belinda Oldham Mark Ploger Ethel Schneweis\*\* Phillip E Sloderbeck G Catherine Thorsell Linda K Walter Dean A Whitehill Carol H Young

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#### **KEY TO**

#### **MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

Manhattan

James P Adams Karen Blakeslee\*\* Marie Blythe Daryl Buchholz Marla Day\*\* L Ann Domsch

\*\*Associate Members

Dues Summary:

Robert Wolf\*\*

Active Members - 116 Assoc Members - 27

# How Can I Join Epsilon Sigma Phi?

Membership in the organization is open to all Extension workers and you're welcome to join at any time of the year by contacting area council director or chapter officers.

### Membership Categories:

- \* Active Member (5+ years of experience) Annual Dues: \$50.00
- \* Associate Member (less than 5 yrs experience) Annual Dues: \$20.00
- \* Lifetime Member (Retirees) One-Time Dues: \$250.00

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# 2002 Epsilon Sigma Phi Committees

1- 1<sup>st</sup> year in a two year term 2-2<sup>nd</sup> year in a two year term

**Awards:** Secure nominations and handle selection procedures for available state and national awards and honors. Present awards at appropriate ceremonies.

Chair: **Denise Dias - 2** Tranda Watts - 2

Fran Richmond - 2 Dan Rogers - 2 Diane Mack - 2 Benny Robbins - 1

Carla Morrical-Frederking - 1

**Professionalism:** Encourage members to take advantage of ESP loan, grants, and scholarships for professional development.

Sandra Wick -1 Phil Sloderback - 2 Chair:

Charlotte Olson - 2 Pat Gerhardt - 1 Carol Young - 2 Jo Ellen Arnold - 1

Beth Drescher - 1

**Recognition:** Review tenure records, write summaries, and hold appropriate recognition ceremonies for 25 year and Pacesetter year milestones.

Carl Garten - 2 Nancy Honig - 2 Chair:

Jenell Smith - 2 Mary Lou Odle - 1 Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen - 1 Kathy Thorsell - 2

**Memorial:** Determine which members have died during the past year and arrange for an appropriate written summary and memorial ceremony in their honor.

Chair: Pam VanHorn - 1 Eric Otte - 1

Mark Ploger - 1 Nancy Nelson - 2 Sy Nyhart - 1 Diane Burnett - 1

Anna Muir - 1

**Retirement Equity:** Continue to actively work to bring retirement equity to those on CSRS in line with other Regents retirement programs.

Dave Schafer - 1 Milt Krainbill - 2 Chair: Jim Adams - 2 Dean Whitehill - 2

Keith VanSkike - 2

Public Issues: Keep abreast of public issues of interest to members. Keep external groups knowledgeable of the total extension program. Update Constitution and Bylaws as needed.

Terry Mannell - 2 Betty LaToush - 2

Daryl Buchholz - 1 Mike Vogt - 1

Connie Hoch - 1

**Recruitment and Retention:** Organize one or more membership efforts statewide, handle initiation ceremonies, annual conference ESP stickers for name tags, promote membership, and work with council directors.

Chair: David Lott - 2

Nadine Sigle - 1 Jason Stallman - 1 Andrea Addison - 1 Jean Clarkson-Frisbie - 2 Walter Barker - 2

**Professional Development:** Determine professional enhancement activities that reflect favorably on the Chapter and K-State Research and Extension available resources.

Pat Fultz - 2

Gary Gerhard - 1 David Hallauer - 2 Emily Mark - 2 Susan Jackson - 2 Sharolyn Jackson - 2 Susie Latta - 1 Represents Dennis Main - 1

ESP on the Annual Conference Committee

Resource Management: Analyze chapter assets and anticipated expenditures and assist the treasurer in preparing a balanced budget. Review business records of the treasury to determine if chapter assets have been properly handled and correct business procedures followed.

Chair: Marsha Weaver - 2

Frank Brazle - 1 Stacev Warner - 1 Roger Terry - 2 Beth Hinshaw - 1 Trudy Rice - 1

Fred DeLano - 2 (Auditor)

**Retiree Action:** Help collect information about activities of retirees for the chapter newsletter, consider ways to involve retirees in chapter activities, and sponsor special group activities.

Chair: Les Frazier - 2 Larry Corah - 1

Nada Thoden - 2 Gene Algrim - 2 Linda Carr - 1 Ann Domsch - 1

**Nomination:** Identify persons from membership to fill officers, directors, and Endowment Fund Board of Trustees vacancies, and submit slate at chapter business meeting.

Chair: Doug Jardine - 1 Denise Sullivan - 2

Bev Dunning - 2 Glenda Keller - 2 Reba White -2 M Gayle Price - 1

**Annual Meeting:** Handle general arrangements for the annual awards banquet, including site, decoration, menu, seating guests, program booklets, and other special events.

Chair: Jodi Besthorn - 2 Belinda Oldham - 2

Vicky Overley - 2 Lindy Lindquist - 2 Alan Ladd - 2 Andrea Giefer - 1

Karen Blakeslee - 1

# United Association Meeting

Pat Fultz, in 4-H Youth Development, submitted the following summary of The United Association Meeting held March 6-8 in Wichita, KS. The theme for the event was "Coming Together for Kansas Families." Participants included Epsilon Sigma Phi, Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents, Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Kansas Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Kansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

She described the meeting as "a unique gathering of kindred spirits from all across the state, all focused on learning and sharing information about youths, families, and communities from the perspectives of public school educators, extension professionals, and others."

Fultz noted the event was "an opportunity to make some mighty tough decisions" because of the various workshop topics and presenters. We learned more about meth labs and their invasive growth throughout our Kansas communities and about multiple intelligences, child health-care issues, youth suicides, food-safety education, youth obesity, and service-learning programs. We also learned about digital cameras, physical fitness programs, curriculum standards, fatherhood classes for unconventional fathers, and how to design an effective educational program that connects teens, law enforcement officers, and the court system to reduce driving accidents.

"Another highlight was an address by Kansas Attorney General Carla Stovall who talked on important issues of youths, children, families, and communities as they relate to Kansas government initiatives and programs."

Attendees had the opportunity to enjoy a yummy BBQ supper served by the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon and Wranglers, whose harmonious voices and simple musical instruments inspired lots of toe tapping, hand clapping, and a "walk down memory lane" with authentic cowboy music.

Fultz said that "The United Association Meeting--one of a kind--is perhaps a stretch for some of us to realize the potential in building a stronger network and outreach to expand our traditional programs to new audiences in collaboration with our network members."

She also said "The glue or the connection among the five associations was our sincere dedication to address the needs and concerns of youths, families, and communities across the state," and added: "Don't forget to mark your calendar for next year's meeting March 6-7, 2003."