

Epsilon Sigma Phi



Alpha Rho - Kansas Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi
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From the President...

Eric Otte, President, Alpha Rho Chapter

Galaxy III is almost here and Extension personnel from around the country will be gathering in Indianapolis, Indiana from September 15-19. A total of 72 Kansas Extension professionals from all Extension associations will be attending. With the theme "Celebrating the Extension System: Strengths, Diversity and Unique Qualities," I believe it will be a great time of professional development. I would encourage all attendees to fill out the form for States Night Out and send it in for this fun evening of food and fellowship. Also, mark your calendar for the 2009 ESP National Conference, "Engage, Enlighten and Enjoy", September 13-16, 2009 in Fargo, North Dakota.

Your state officers and council members have been working on updating committee descriptions, clarifying officer terms, and tweaking different parts of our association as well as working on items for our annual business meeting which is at Annual Conference in October. This is always an enjoyable time as we conduct association business, prepare reports, recognize achievements, install officers and welcome new members. If you have not already taken the time to nominate a co-worker for an award, invite a co-worker to join, volunteered an item for the silent auction to support the endowment or made a commitment to serve on a committee or as an officer, there is still time. Look for details in this newsletter.

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My term as Alpha Rho Chapter President will soon go into the Historian's book. I have enjoyed my year and I want to thank all of the officers, committee chairs, council directors and members for work you continue to do in support of our profession and ESP. You are great extension professionals to work with.

Eric Otte, President

Galaxy III Schedule

The schedule for Galaxy III can be found at

<http://tinyurl.com/6gqc4x>

Galaxy III All Association Fundraising Auction

The Galaxy III silent and live auction will take place on Wednesday September 17, 2008 during the conference. The auction supports services, such as professional development, provided by our professional associations for you and your Extension colleagues. Proceeds benefit the association designated by the donor. So, the more items donated by an association means greater profits for that association. Items could be something unique that represents your culture, community, hobby, or special interest. Your individual contribution along with those from State Chapters and Associations will ensure a successful fundraising effort.

Register auction items in the same area as conference registration, on Monday and Tuesday. Auction items can be sent in advance. Please provide the registration information listed below along with the items.

Registration Information Needed

- Name of item
- Description
- Estimated value
- Donor name (individual/association chapter)

- Donor contact information
- Local contact information (hotel name and room number)
- Designated association to receive proceeds of sale

Advance Shipment of Packages Send to the following address:

Purdue University CES
Hamilton County Office
Attn: Galaxy Auction
2003 East Pleasant Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-3697
(If shipment requires a phone number, use 317-776-0854)

Packages must be received between September 1st and 12th (deadline). Please include registration information in your package.

For more information, contact Jim Hovland at 920-948-4460 or james.hovland@ces.uwex.edu.

ESP Endowment Fund Grant Proposals Now Being Accepted

Submitted by Connie Hoch

Do you have an innovative educational program that you want to offer or a great professional development opportunity that you have never had the funds to participate in? If so, here is your opportunity to put your dreams into action for the educational benefit of the residents in Kansas.

All extension agents, specialists, and administrators who are current ESP members are eligible to submit a grant proposal to the Alpha Rho Chapter ESP Endowment Fund Board. Grant proposals are being accepted for professional development opportunities or

innovative educational programs. The application is currently available online at the following website: www.oznet.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho/welcome.htm. Click on the Endowment button for the application and our history of funding requests.

Applications are due by September 29, 2008. They should be sent electronically to Connie Hoch choch@ksu.edu. You can attach a note of approval from your Board Chair, Area Director or Unit Head in lieu of their signature.

2008 Tenure Award Winners Announced

Submitted by Crystal Coffman

The following K-State Research and Extension professionals have contributed many years to this organization. Let's congratulate them for their years of service!

25 Years

Joseph Harner

1983 to present, Agricultural Engineer

Janice McMahon

1983 to 1986 Wyandotte County Agent
1986 to 1988 Leavenworth County Agent
1988 to present, Sedgwick County Agent

Carla Morriscal-Frederking

1983 to 1988, Trego County Agent
1988 to present, Ellis County Agent

Sharolyn Jackson

1983 to 1988, Chautauqua County Agent
1988 to 2006, Riley County Agent
2006 to present, Specialist, Northeast Area

Pamela Van Horn

1983 to 2004, Saline County Agent
2004 to 2006, Central Kansas District Agent
2006 to present, State Specialist

30 Years

Carl Garten

1978 to 1984, Saline County Agent
1984 to 2004, Saline County Director
2004 to present, Central Kansas District Director

Nancy Nelson

1978 to 1988, Ellsworth County Agent
1988 to 2006, Jackson County Agent
2006 to present, Meadowlark District Agent

Danny Rogers

1977 to present, Agricultural Engineer

Jo Ellen Arnold

1977 to present, Franklin County Agent

35 Years

Marsha Weaver

1972 to 1975, Republic County Agent
1976 to present, Dickinson County Agent

Rodney Buchele

1970 to 1975, Agent, Wisconsin
1977 to 1984, Agent, Wisconsin
1986 to 1993, Agent, Florida
1993 to 2003, Agent, Colorado
2003 to present, Specialist, Southwest Area

Alpha Rho Members on National ESP Committees

Submitted by Stacey Warner

Three Alpha Rho Chapter members will be serving in 2009 on national ESP committees. Margaret Phillips will serve on the Professional Development Committee, Doug Jardine will serve on the Member Services Committee and Jim Lindquist will serve on the Public Issues Committee.



Attention Retirees!

Submitted by Marsha McFarland, chair

ESP Life members and retirees are invited to attend a retiree luncheon in conjunction with the Extension Annual Conference on Wednesday, October 22 in the Cottonwood Room of the KSU Union. The cost of the meal is \$14.00. Registration information will be available soon via email and post mail.

The retiree committee has discussed establishing a presence in the ESP newsletter and on our web site to highlight the activities of extension retirees.

As we all are well aware, Extension personnel tend to stay actively involved in community, in service, and in the pursuit of new experiences after "retiring". It would be informative and inspiring to track the varied

ways extension personnel direct their lives following retirement. We are requesting that retirees take a few minutes to jot a line or two, or even a short paragraph about what they have been doing this past year that can be placed in our "What Are They Doing Now?" column.

Send your information by email or by post mail to Marcia McFarland, committee chair.
Email address: mmcfarla@oznet.ksu.edu
Mailing address:
1603 Woodcrest Drive
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

We look forward to seeing many of you at Annual Conference.

2008–2009 ESP Committee Appointments

Submitted by Margaret Phillips

It is time to update committee leadership and membership appointments. Committee chairs will rotate to serve as a committee member one more year. The Committee chair-elect will move into the chair role.

Associate, annual and retirees are eligible for participation on committees.

Committee appointments can be completed by annual conference. Please inform Margaret Phillips margaret@ksu.edu on which committee you wish to serve. If you would be willing to serve as chair-elect or chair of a committee please indicate that as well.

The eleven committees for 2009 include: Annual Banquet, Awards, Budget and Audit, Constitution and Bylaws, Global, Membership, Memorial, Nomination, Professionalism, Retiree, and Tenure Recognition.

Committee descriptions for 2008-09 are linked from the ESP committee site:

<http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho/committees/committeelist08.htm>

A Committee on Committees was appointed earlier this year. Work done by the committee has given new clarity to committee responsibilities, reflects the mission of the organization and reflects committees at the national level as appropriate.

Executive Director – National ESP

The National ESP Board is currently accepting applications for a national executive director. Position description and timeline can be found <http://espnational.org>.

Become an ESP Alpha Rho Officer!

Submitted by Andrea Schmidt

Annual Conference marks the time for our annual meeting, and elections. This election season is a reminder that you too can serve in a leadership capacity. Our organization benefits when many share their skills. Offices up for election this year include:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

- Historian
- Newsletter Editor
- Northeast Council Director
- Southeast Council Director
- Retiree Council Director

The Nominating Committee of ESP encourages you to give some thought to running for one of these offices. Contact Connie Hoch at choch@ksu.edu if you are interested.

2008 Alpha Rho Annual Banquet and Silent Auction

Submitted by Steve Fisher and Ann Domsch

Our Annual Alpha Rho Chapter Banquet will be held on Tuesday evening, October 21, in Ballrooms A & D of the K-State Alumni Center.

The Brookville Hotel from Abilene will again be catering the meal, so come expecting their delicious pan-fried chicken with all the fixin's.

Be sure to register for the Banquet when you receive your Annual Conference registration. Tickets for the Banquet are \$25 per person.

Official starting time for the program and meal is 6:30 p.m. Come early to look over the silent auction items.

The silent auction will be held at the K-State Alumni Center prior to the banquet. This will provide you an opportunity to help support the work of our association. We ask that you provide an item for the auction and also that you come and purchase an item. It really is a lot of fun and a good way to start your Christmas shopping. You may leave your donation for the auction at the registration table at the Union or bring it to the Alumni Center around 5:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there for a good time of fun, fellowship, and reflection of the past year's activities, initiation, installation of new officers, and of course a lively round of auction bidding to help build our Foundation's endowment.

Wanted! ESP History Lovers!

"The People and the Profession" is a 128 page history of ESP and the Cooperative Extension Service published by Epsilon Sigma Phi in 1979. The National Board is seeking members who would be interested in updating that history.

To learn more about this opportunity see the Summer 2008 ESP Connection (<http://espnational.org>). Interested individuals should contact Ellen Burton at eburton@illinois.edu.

2008 K-State Research and Extension Annual Conference

Mark your calendars! The 2008 K-State Research and Extension Annual Conference will be held October 20-23, 2008 at the K-State Student Union. Registration begins September 1, 2008.

- ESP Business meeting - October 20 at 11:45 a.m. Registration required for lunch.
- The annual Retiree's Luncheon - October 22 in the Cottonwood room. Registration required.
- The Alpha Rho Epsilon Sigma Phi banquet and auction will be October 21 at 6:30 p.m. Registration required.
- ESP Board Meeting - October 23 at 7:15 a.m.

Upcoming Events!

Galaxy III
Indianapolis, IN
September 15-19, 2008

Future ESP Conferences:
Fargo, ND
September 13-16, 2009
Jackson Hole, WY
October 12-15, 2010

PILD Conference
April 27-29, 2009

Nominate Your Colleagues for Awards!

Submitted by M. Gayle Price

The Epsilon Sigma Phi - Alpha Rho Chapter is seeking nominations for the 2008 chapter awards. Kansas extension professionals are extremely talented and should have their skills and programs acknowledged at the state and national levels. I encourage you to nominate your colleagues, administrators, mentors, or even yourself for these important awards.

Nomination forms for awards may be found at:

<http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho/awards/awards.htm>

Applications due September 1, 2008. Send applications to:
M. Gayle Price
Awards committee chair
Southeast Area Office
308 West 14th Street
Chanute, KS 66720

If you have questions, please contact me at 620-431-1530, or gprice@ksu.edu.



Award Categories

Meritorious Service Award
Distinguished Service Award
Team Award
Horizon Member Award
State Early Career Award
State Mid Career Award
International Service Award
Retiree Service Award
State Friend of Extension Award

Win a FREE ESP Membership!

The name of one lucky ESP member will be drawn to receive a free year of ESP membership. To be eligible, pay dues at (or before) the Alpha Rho Chapter business meeting on Monday, October 20 at 11:45 am. The location will be announced in the Annual Conference program. Dues are \$60 for those employed for 5 or more years as of January 1, 2009 or \$20 for those employed less than 5 years as of January 1, 2009.

Life Members – June 24, 2008

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Annual and Associate Members - June 20, 2008

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Jennifer Wilson			Stacey Warner
			Robert Wilson

ESP Connection

The National Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) Newsletter can be found at <http://espnational.org/newsletters/no11208.pdf>

Current Membership

Annual Members: 100
Associate Members: 21
Total Life Members: 108 total