

Chi Epsilon Sigma Annual Meeting December 4, 2001

A special 15th anniversary Annual Meeting was held at the Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, OH of the Alpha Chapter of Chi Epsilon Sigma. Tables were decorated with poinsettias and red candles in engraved brandy sniffers, which were given as gifts to those present. Registration began at 10:15 a.m. with Marie Bouic, Pat Myers, and Linda Ferguson handing out packets and door prize tickets. Pat Myers was in charge of revealing Secret Friends.

Veronica Wilcox, Historian, welcomed the approximate 75 CES members who were present.

President Cheryl Engle and Vice President Mary Reedy conducted the brief business meeting. They gave an overview of the coffee sales. We have realized a profit of \$229.55 to date. Cheryl updated the CES promotional event and thanked Michelle Chambers for her efforts to promote CES as past president. Cheryl read the proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed changes. Motion carried and the changes will be in effect immediately.

Cheryl gave a Power Point presentation recognizing the CES Founding and Charter Members. She was assisted by Monica Jones, South District Director. Michelle Chambers and Cheryl recognized Past Presidents, who received a patriotic pin. All but three Past Presidents were present. Cheryl read a congratulatory letter from Keith Smith, Nicki Conklin, and Barb Ludwig and also a letter from Honorary Member, Carlene Hamilton wishing CES well.

Marilyn Bloom, Emeriti Director, recognized Emeriti members.

Liz Barringer-Smith, Campus Director, recognized Honorary Members Dr. Jeff King, Assistant Director, 4-H Youth Development and Dr. Joe Heimlich, Leader, Community Development. She presented them each a certificate, notebook, pen and CES pin.

Patricia Myers, Logan County, reminded everyone who participated in the Secret Friend program to pick up their bag with this past year's friend revealed. She also encouraged participants to be sure to remember their secret friends often throughout this next year.

Mary Reedy said a prayer for our nation. Then District Directors handed out specially wrapped candy bars as part of a "sweet celebration".

Liz Barringer-Smith updated the mentoring program. There is a training session coming up in February for anyone interested in becoming a mentor. Currently NE and NW districts are scheduled for Feb. 11. SW District is tentatively set for Feb. 8, however that has not been finalized.

Cheryl talked about the Outreach Program and her trip to West Virginia to install officers for the Delta Chapter of Chi Epsilon Sigma, the newest Support Staff Fraternity. They informed Cheryl of the CREES Convention in April, 2002 and suggested doing a dual presentation of our two chapters to promote Chi Epsilon Sigma.

Jill King, OSU Leadership Center and Becky Hooper, East District, presented the Years of Service with a trip down memory lane. Twenty four members were recognized with five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty five, thirty and forty-five years of services.

Shelia Blevins, Scioto County, announced the winners of the Publication Contest. They were Vicky Steele, Paulding County, winner of the Newsletter Contest and Michele Bird, Paulding County, winner of the brochure contest.

Marie Bouic, Membership Secretary and Linda Ferguson, Secretary/Treasurer, recognized and handed out notebooks to new members. Cheryl gave each new member a small gift.

Barbara Brackman, Annalist, conducted the election of 2001-2002 officers and directors. The ballot was read. Monica Jones made a motion to close the nomination. Marie Bouic 2nd the motion. Barb Brackman moved that a unanimous ballot be cast. Carolyn Parks 2nd the motion.

Kathy Bulka, Medina County and Laurie Callan, Northwest District installed the 2001-2002 officers and directors with the theme "Let There Be Light".

President Cheryl Engle Mary Reedy **President Elect** Karen Barnhart Vice President Kathy Picklesimer Secretary/Treasurer **Annalist** Barbara Brackman Historian Heather Askey Membership Secretary Jenny Lindimore Administrative Liaison Liz Barringer-Smith Past President Lee Ann Johnson

District Directors:

East Dawn Ford
NE Sheri Matheny
NW Gail Ritzler
South Monica Jones
SW Patricia Myers
Campus Karen Oberrath
Emeriti Marilyn Bloom

Karen Barnhart, NE District Director, announced the winner of the "Deck the Halls" gift basket - Kathy Schlabach of Holmes County. Cheryl Engle and Mary Reedy announced the winner of the "For CES Members Only" stay at the Palmer Hilton House in Chicago - Monika Hampton of Montgomery County.

Cheryl closed with a Power Point presentation. Meeting adjourned at 12:00.